

President's Message

Dear perioperative leaders,

As we step into an exciting time for perioperative nursing in Canada, I am thrilled to share some key highlights that showcase ORNAC's commitment to excellence in patient care, professional growth, and advancing our specialty.

This month, we come together for the 29th ORNAC National Conference—a long-awaited opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate our profession. This conference is a time to engage with leading experts, explore the latest advancements in perioperative practice, and build meaningful relationships with colleagues from across the country. Whether attending for the first time or as a returning participant, I encourage you to fully immerse yourself in this experience and bring back valuable insights to your teams!

I am also excited to announce the release of the revised 17th edition of the Guidelines for Perioperative Practice in Canada! These updated guidelines, formerly known as the *ORNAC Standards, Guidelines, and Position Statements for Registered Nurses*, are a testament to the dedication of our experts and contributors who have worked tirelessly to ensure we continue

to provide evidence-based, best-practice recommendations. This resource is essential for guiding our practice, enhancing patient safety, and reinforcing our commitment to excellence.

The strength of our profession lies in our members, and I want to recognize the commitment of perioperative nurses across Canada who continue to support ORNAC and actively engage in professional development. Membership in ORNAC not only connects you to a national network of perioperative professionals, but also provides valuable benefits, including educational resources, networking opportunities, and participation in leadership initiatives.

One way to demonstrate leadership and contribute to the profession is by sharing your knowledge and expertise in this very journal. The ORNAC Journal team is actively seeking manuscripts for articles and columns, and I encourage each of you to consider submitting your work. Whether it's a research study, a case review, an innovative practice, or a personal reflection on perioperative nursing, your contributions are vital to the success of this publication. Engaging with the ORNAC Journal—whether through writing, peer review, or sharing insights—demonstrates a level of leadership and dedication that is recognized not only within your own facility but at the provincial and national levels.

Finally, I invite you to explore the many opportunities ORNAC has to offer, from professional development incentives to leadership pathways. Your participation strengthens the association and ensures that perioperative nursing in Canada continues to evolve and thrive.

Thank you for your dedication to perioperative nursing. I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference and reading your contributions in future editions of the journal!

Warm regards,
Tanya Vandale, RN, BScN, CPN(C)
ORNAC President

The advertisement features two images. The top image shows a person in blue gloves using a device labeled 'SealSAFE' to handle formalin, with text: 'ZERO FORMALIN EXPOSURE', 'MAXIMUM TISSUE PRESERVATION', and 'SealSAFE'. The bottom image shows a person in full surgical attire operating a machine labeled 'UltraSAFE', with text: 'AUTOMATED FORMALIN DISPENSING' and 'UltraSAFE'. A circular badge in the bottom right of the top image says 'ZERO FORMALIN EXPOSURE'. Logos for 'MILESTONE HELPING PATIENTS' and 'FroggaBio' are at the top right, and a QR code is at the top left.

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