Editor's Message

We are well into 2026, and it has already been an interesting year. If you are finding our global situation adds stress to your days, or nights, focusing on something completely different is a good way to give yourself a break. Our Spring Issue can let you put those worries aside while delighting in advancing your professional knowledge and best practice. So, get comfortable with your beverage of choice and fire up your device.

We bring you three original articles with various aspects of perioperative care. First, we revisit the theme of incivility in the operating room (OR), from the perspective of how it affects perioperative learning. Chelsea Duchscher's narrative review recognizes that incivility can inhibit learning and actually reinforce the stressors and risks inherent in this setting. Incivility can close minds and foster actions that are counterproductive to learning, thus increasing risks for both staff and patients. This is a must read for anyone involved in OR practicums, or those interested in creating safe and supportive learning environments to improve the educational outcomes and professional development of perioperative nurses.

In our second article, Yaquelin Mustelier Duanes presents a research tool for validating nursing intervention protocols for outpatient surgery for patients with anorectal diseases. For this population, perioperative nurses can have a positive impact on the outcomes of day surgery by providing standardized care. Let this tool guide you through complex surgical pathways and help make surgical environments familiar, so you can focus on providing person-centred care that enhances your patients' experiences.

Our third article also looks at the importance of standardized care. Janelle Head suggests little comprehensive research into standardized outpatient total hip arthroplasty has been done in Canadian hospitals and surgical centres. Head looks at the evidence out there about clinical standards and pathways, the criteria organizations use to choose patients, the many facets of supports in the home after surgery, the dynamics of the healthcare team, and how much influence perioperative nurses have on the outcomes. Total hip arthroplasty is one of the most common surgical procedures. Here you can read about the challenges, barriers, and latest developments in this area.

Our Spotlight on Practice column has some gems of wisdom about the importance of surgical count policies and standards. Erin Robertson urges you to get involved or become aware of your organization's policies regarding this important aspect of perioperative care.

Perioperative Nurses Week (PNW) brings us many things, including award winners. In this issue, you can read the winning 2025 PNW Abstract by Cindy Chaing. Her description of the roles and impact of perioperative nurses is one of pride and honour. As someone who shares her profession, reading her positive take on your role may be considered self-care.

We have two presidents' messages, something from each of the outgoing and incoming ORNAC Presidents. On a personal note, I'd like to thank you, Tanya Vandale, for your efforts and brilliance in leading ORNAC through the relaunch of our journal and its success to date. Welcome Bryana Hahn, I look forward to working with you as we continue to develop the ORNAC Journal and raise its profile among nursing publications.

I wish you all a very pleasant summer.

Your editor,
Linda M. Verde
Editor-in-Chief

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