

Winning 2025 PNW Written Abstract

Cindy Chiang

Time has shown that perioperative nurses who embody advocacy, compassion, and surgical excellence can overcome even the most challenging barriers. Perioperative nurses work not only behind masks and within restricted areas, but also behind the scenes, collaborating with the patient and surgical team to ensure safety throughout every phase, from preoperative to postoperative care.

Despite limited time for interaction, perioperative nurses build meaningful, compassionate connections with patients during moments of vulnerability. In a fast-paced perioperative environment where procedures may be rushed or shortcuts attempted, it is the perioperative nurse who raises their voice advocating for best practices and refusing to compromise safety. From detail-oriented analysis to creative problem-solving and critical thinking, perioperative nurses never lose sight of the bigger picture with who they are serving, what they are doing, and why it matters.

Behind every mask is a perioperative nurse dedicated to surgical excellence and guided by best practices. As lifelong learners,

they continuously strive to enhance the care they provide. Surgical excellence is not just an expectation, it is the foundation of perioperative practice, where nurses lead by example, marrying both competence and compassion.

Cindy Chiang, RN, BScN, MSN, is the Perioperative Specialty Nursing Program Head and faculty member at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). From 2021 to 2025, she had the privilege of serving nationally with ORNAC on both the Guidelines Committee and the Board of Directors, where it provided her the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and learn from passionate perioperative clinical leaders across Canada.

She is currently the Secretary of the Perioperative Nurses Association of British Columbia (PNABC) for the 2024–2026 term. Cindy values meaningful experiences that allow her to contribute to positive change in the challenging healthcare landscape and within the perioperative nursing profession through nursing education and volunteer involvement.

ADVANCE YOUR PERIOPERATIVE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

Build your surgical expertise with badged courses from BCIT Advanced Perioperative Nursing. Study online at your own pace and strengthen your perioperative skills across surgical specialties.

Learn more at bcit.ca/advanced-periop

BCIT

WRITE FOR US!

Submit an article today!

Join the movement to advance perioperative nursing! Submit your work for consideration and share your expertise!

We invite perioperative professionals to contribute to the *ORNAC Journal*, your source for leading-edge thought and developments in the field of perioperative nursing. In the spirit of ORNAC's core values of knowledge and collaboration, you are encouraged to share your experiences and expertise. We welcome unsolicited manuscripts about clinical research that uses quantitative or qualitative data, or a mixture of both (mixed methods), presented in such forms as original research, literature or systematic reviews, retrospectives, randomized control trial reports or protocols, data analyses, or survey results and analyses, to name a few.

Our journal is now open access, so it has a global reach. Publishing with us lets you contribute to and expand the global knowledge bank about perioperative nursing for the benefit of both professionals and patients. If you have any questions, or are a first-time author and don't know where to begin, please get in touch with our Editor, Linda Verde at editor@ornac.ca who will be glad to help you with your next steps and through the publication process. Send your manuscripts to editor@ornac.ca

Deadline for manuscript submission for our Fall issue: June 30, 2026