



National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada

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PERIANESTHESIA NURSES WEEK 2012

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Greetings to all PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada and congratulations to you for your ongoing excellence in, and commitment to PeriAnesthesia Nursing! This year, PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week is celebrated during the week of **February 6-10 2012** and this is YOUR week to display your expertise, your specialized practice and to let your patients and your interprofessional colleagues know that you are proud to be a PeriAnesthesia Nurse.

This year we have much to be proud of as we have been acknowledged both **nationally and internationally** as an exceptional and specialized practice area within the nursing profession. Let us explain....

The first **International Conference for PeriAnesthesia Nurses** was held this year and was attended by colleagues from 14 countries. We are proud and honored to have been the first host site and to have been part of the organizing committee for the **FIRST** conference which was held here in Canada 🍁 (Toronto, Ontario).

Following last year's PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week (2011), we were excited to announce that the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) has designated and recognized "PeriAnesthesia Nursing" as a unique **specialty**. The CNA was thrilled that we have launched an updated revision of our **Standards for Practice** (2nd edition) for PeriAnesthesia Nurses in October 2011. They see this as an ongoing indication of our professional development and growth.

Starting this year, we will be working on the development of **Certification** to provide advanced credentialing to all PeriAnesthesia Nurses, and to signify our excellence in this specialty. Watch our website for updates during the process!

Members of the NAPAN© executive have been invited as guests to attend an international conference in Paris, France early in April of this year: the Aseptic Surgery Forum. As a specialty, we are gaining international recognition. We will be advising you of information learned at this conference in our

quarterly newsletter, the "Eye Opener" and will incorporate best practices in our next revision of the Standards for Practice.

You should feel proud to be a PeriAnesthesia Nurse in 2012: as a group, we are really on the move! Be sure to share your practice, your knowledge, your skills and your judgment with those you are associated with in your workplace: interprofessional colleagues, patients and families. They may not be aware of just how advanced we are as a group, the ongoing upgrading that is required of us in terms of education and research to give us this level of expertise. It is up to us to show them just how we came to be such an amazing nursing specialty.

The Executive members of NAPAN© wish to congratulate you for bringing relief to those in discomfort, and stabilizing the negative effects of surgery and other invasive procedures. You manage many patients and avert multiple potentially harmful incidents at once, being vigilant to subtle changes in your patient's condition or covert demonstrations of patient discomfort.

PeriAnesthesia Nurses, make this the week to share your stories and celebrate your successes with your colleagues in any way that you can. If you are only able to do so one day this week, then make it **“PeriAnesthesia Nurses Day”** which falls on **Wednesday, February 8, 2012** this year. Be proud of yourselves and each other!

We look forward to sharing your stories, photos and videos of your celebrations, and will post them on the NAPAN© website and in our next issue of the newsletter, the "Eye Opener". Please send them to us at info@napanc.org for distribution across Canada.

We send to you with this greeting our deepest respect for, and pride in all of you, as you again celebrate this week that is dedicated just to you! Congratulations to you all! Happy PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week, Colleagues! Contact us anytime! info@napanc.org

Respectfully,

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