

Dear Colleagues

From the frozen shores of The Bay Chaleur I extend warm greetings for a Happy PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week.

This Week February 5-11 is a time to celebrate Nurses working in preanesthesia and postanesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, and pain management. We are dedicated and passionate about caring for patients and their families. This week is an opportunity to educate nursing colleagues and the community about the professionalism.

I attended my first National conference in Calgary 2010. It was there I came to realize the benefits a National organization. The National Association of Peri Anesthesia Nurses (NAPANc) provides us with a Standard of Practice, numerous educational opportunities and a means to network with nurses across the country.

NAPANc has influenced my lifelong learning journey as well as heightened my interest in delivering superlative care based on evidence based practices.

I believe every nurse strives to deliver care which exceeds expectations. I also believe that attending education sessions offered at your national and provincial level will assist you in rising above these expectations.

Another means for us to raise our knowledge base is to become certified PeriAnesthesia Nurses. Please see our webpage at napanc.ca for information on how you can attain certification. Take the opportunity to CARE TO BE THE BEST.

As I reflect on the past thirty years of nursing (eighteen in PeriAnesthesia) I have witnessed many changes. We are always in a state of transition some of the more recent changes being cross training of Registered PeriAnesthesia Nurses and the employment of Licensed Practical Nurses in the perinesthesia environment.

We have transitioned into the electronic age of nursing, it would be my prayer that we never forget the true art of nursing, the touch, the comfort we provide to our patients and their families.

This will be my last opportunity as your President to wish you a HAPPY PERIANESTHESIA NURSE'S WEEK, as in June I will transition to past president and we will welcome Michelle Best as the President of NAPANc.

I would like to once again thank each and everyone of you for what you bring to PeriAnesthesia Nursing. Your dedication to your profession and patients/families is remarkable.

I encourage you to become an active member of your provincial/national organization. As a group we are empowered to drive professional change and provide the best possible patient and family outcomes.

Sincerely
Laura McNulty
President NAPANc