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Greetings from the President of the National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada



Hello again Fellow PeriAnesthesia Nurse Colleagues!

Summer is passing us by so quickly, but I hope that you took some time to relax and enjoy time off from work and other responsibilities to enjoy the

wonderful weather.

Here at NAPANc, we have been very busy over the summer, with decisions made, activities continuing and deadlines to meet.

Milestones: What does this word mean? The Webster dictionary defines a "milestone" as "a significant point in development".

Children meet certain expected milestones or steps in their growth and development. Adults continue to meet expected and significant points as they age, with progression and changes in their careers, families and experiences.

Well, PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada, **we** have just met another **milestone** in **our** development as well! Let me list the others first:

The first **milestone** that PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada met was the development of many provincial associations, developing independently across the country over the past 25 years.

In 2002, we nationalized into NAPANc, another great **milestone**. Then, as a national association, we developed and published PeriAnesthesia Nursing Practice Standards, first in English, and then translated into French. Annual national conferences have taken place across the country over the past 9 years, **milestones** in themselves. And now the logical next step in our development has taken place.....