



National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada

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Fellow PeriAnesthesia Nurses,

As we step into 2026, we do so with renewed energy, purpose, and confidence. This year's PeriAnesthesia Nursing Week theme, **Passion and Excellence**, reflects not only our aspirations but also the values that define who we are as PeriAnesthesia nurses and how we move forward together.

PeriAnesthesia Nursing is a specialty that demands vigilance, adaptability, and clinical excellence. In every perianesthesia phase of care, our role is critical to ensuring safe surgical outcomes. Our passion for patient-centered care drives us to advocate, educate, and support patients and families during some of their most vulnerable moments.

The evolving surgical landscape continues to challenge our practice. Advances in technology, increasing same-day and short-stay surgeries, and higher patient acuity require PeriAnesthesia Nurses to remain knowledgeable, flexible, and prepared. Excellence in our specialty means continuously building our clinical knowledge, embracing innovation, and upholding the highest standards of safety and care—often in fast-paced and high-pressure environments.

In 2026, NAPANc will continue to celebrate and strengthen our profession by supporting education, professional development, and collaboration among PeriAnesthesia Nurses nationwide. By sharing knowledge and experiences, we empower one another and ensure that passion translates into excellence at the bedside and beyond.

We will host a virtual spring symposium this year, including our annual general meeting. It will be held on June 13th, 2026, 11:00 to 15:00 EST, in a format similar to last year's spring symposium. It was well received, and we learned about the latest surgical innovations being performed in Canada. Moreover, Canada has been selected as the host of the ICPAN conference for 2027. Location and dates will be announced shortly. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions to make this an excellent conference. You can email us at napancbod@gmail.com

Lastly, I am deeply grateful for the dedication and professionalism of PeriAnesthesia Nurses across Canada. Your work is essential, your expertise invaluable, and your commitment unwavering. Together, let us make 2026 a year that highlights the impact of PeriAnesthesia Nursing and honours the passion and excellence that define our specialty.

With sincere appreciation,

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