

# PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER    DECEMBER 2004

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Greetings from VP, Public Relations

Thank you to Gander for hosting another great conference. I trust everyone came away with something, whether it was a reunion with a new or old friend, or a tidbit of information that helped with your practice. Thank you to everyone who submitted articles or reports for this newsletter. I had to leave the conference early, so I didn't get some of the liaison reports. For those that didn't get included in this newsletter, you could forward them to me for the next one.

For the hand written reports I typed, please forgive any errors or omissions. The deadline for the next newsletter is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

There will be no March Newsletter next year. For those not at the Conference in Gander, it was voted on and passed that we will now publish three Newsletters a year. The months to be June, September and December.

I wish everyone and their families a safe, healthy, joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectively Submitted,  
Anne Noftall RN CPN(C)  
VP Public Relations

Hello N&LORNA members,

The 25<sup>th</sup> Provincial Conference held in Gander was a great success and a great time was had by all in attendance.

It was great to see everyone who was able to attend. The education topics were well received and the social functions very enjoyable. Many thanks to the conference planning committee in Gander.

Twenty five years brings many changes . Some perioperative nurses were playing with dolls, others in grade school but many were starting their careers in the OR setting

This message also brings seasons greetings to all the perioperative nurse in the province. For many the year has had great joys as well as terrible sorrows. I hope the new year of 2005 is a better year than the last for each and everyone.

2005 The National OR Conference will be held in Montreal. N&LORNA will be sponsoring two (2) delegates. Application Deadline is Feb 15, 2005. The draw is March 1, 2005. Forward all applications to N&LORNA President. [Address on the back of the Newsletter]

AWARD	DEADLINE
Isabella Adams Award	March 2005 [biannual] National Conference
J&J/ORNAC Bursary	January 2005
Cardinal Health Research Grant	March 2005
Drake Thompson Editorial Award	June 2005

Be sure to visit the ORNAC website. [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca) As there some provincial updates.

Take Care,

Angela Patten RN CPN(C)  
President N&LORNA  
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A.G.M  
Gander Hotel, Gander  
Saturday, October 30, 2004

#### Announcements

President Angi Patten opened the meeting as 0840 hrs on behalf of the N&LORNA executive. At this time she reminded everyone that the door will be closed and no person permitted in or out during the business session.

A contact list was circulated through the room for members to update the address and phone numbers of contact people in their individual work places.

Angi reminded members to submit, any known names for certificate of Appreciation or Honorary Membership.

A count revealed 57 voting members present at the session.

#### Minutes of A.G.M 2003

Reviewed and adopted by Laura Ellsworth and seconded by Anne Nofall as being free from errors and omissions.

#### Executive Reports

Presented by:

President Angi Patton noted her report as printed in the agenda. The exception being we now have 92 members of which 52 are perioperative certified. Angi re-interated that the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Recommended Standards for Perioperative Nursing Practice is now available to be purchased and encouraged all institutions to avail of a copy. Angi congratulated Grand Falls on revitalizing their chapter of N&LORNA.

Angi also stated this first year in her presidency role has been a busy learning experience. Secretary' treasurer Trudy Bradbury noted the financial status of the association as printed in the agenda and added other debts and revenues from SEPTEMBER 10 TO October 30, 2004. There were four spelling errors noted. She encouraged everyone to look over the report and to ask questions.

Vice President of Education Corenia Price noted her report as in the agenda. She gave a quick update of the Post Basic Perioperative Program for nurses. As well as on the RN first assist program. Corenia reminded members of the website [www.cns.nf.ca](http://www.cns.nf.ca) for people seeking information on these two programs.

VPPR Anne Nofall noted her report as in the agenda. Anne reminded everyone to sign the contact list.

Angi asked for questions from the floor concerning any of the reports. Since there were no forth

coming questions Lois Flynn moved that the reports be adopted as written. Sheila Billard second this motion.

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Liaison reports followed:

St Claires - Shirley Taylor

Corner Brook - Pauline Parrill

Carbonear - Debbie Dawe

Health Science Centre - Ruth Noel

Grand Falls - Aggie Holloway

Janeway - Doreen Cave

St Anthony - Kerry Decker for Madonna Chaulk

Burin - Anne Noftall

Goose Bay - Corenia Price

Stephenville - Dianne Gaudette

Gander - Millie Guzzwell

In conjunction with our 25<sup>th</sup> N&LORNA celebration Angi sent around a questionnaire to all the members present asking, "What were you doing 25 years ago?" She will submit some of the answers received in our next newsletter.

Conference Announcements

Angi talked about hosting the National ORNAC meeting in St John's in 2009.

It was decided at the executive level after much debate that the order for Provincial meeting would be changed as follows:

2005 St John's (September 22-24 Holiday Inn)

2006 Grand Falls

2007 Corner Brook

2008 Gander

2009 National St John's, Provincial and AGM business meeting

Rationale: It would be very difficult for St John's to host provincial meeting in 2007 and host a National Meeting in 2009.

The session was suspended for a nutritional break.

Following the nutrition break Angi asked for a recount of voting members following an explanation that a voting member was a member in good standing as of June 30, 2004. The recount showed 54 voting members.

Business Update

Angi welcomed Marg Farley, President of ORNAC, and invited her to speak to the members present.

Marg brought greetings on behalf of the ORNAC executive. She reminded members that the National is in Montreal May 1-6, 2005 and encouraged all to attend. She let members know that a registration form for the national could be retrieved from ORNAC's web site but due to a cost issue you cannot register online. She also reminded members of the November 15, 2004 deadline for poster or presentation submissions.

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Marg talked about Saskatchewan O.R. nurses association being like Newfoundland and Labrador's in that it was a geographically large area with a small membership. She said she did the newsletter for her province in her own home. She placed it on the web and sent one hard copy to the hospitals with O.R.'s

She thanked N&LORNA for the invitation and opportunity to come to our 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of N&LORNA.

Angi then presented Marg with a certificate of appreciation.

Angi congratulated members who have obtained their perioperative certification or re-certification for 2004. She stated due to confidentiality issues CNA will no longer release the names of persons obtaining their perioperative certification or re-certification.

Angi reminded members that the deadline to register for the perioperative certification exam 2005 is November 5, 2004. The exam will be written April 2, 2005. The deadline for CPN (C) recertification is December 3, 2004.

Future conferences are as follows:

National: Montreal, Quebec; May 1-6, 2005

Provincial: St. John's, NL; September 22-24, 2005

Atlantic: Halifax, N.S. 2006

Application deadline for the National draw from N&LORNA as per the Rules and Regulations Binder is February 15, 2005.

The draw will be held on March 1 2005. Fully completed application forms, which are signed, can be submitted to the N&LORNA president. If forms are not fully completed they will not be accepted.

ORNAC awards: Visit the new and improved ORNAC website [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca) for a complete list with all the information needed.

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J&J/ORNAC Bursary January 2005

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Drake Thompson Editorial Award June 2005

Also note N&LORNA also offers bursaries/ scholarships towards continuing education of its members. Deadline for applications June 30, 2005.

There was no application requested for funding for last year.

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Certificate of appreciation were given to:

- 1) Exhibitors
- 2) Marg Farley
- 3) Donna Ria

POST BASIC: There is new information in A.G.M booklet. You can retrieve the information on line or call Corenia.

CORNJ: Is included with each members registration with N&LORNA.

WEBSITE: Provincial website will be updated shortly. You can be linked to via [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca)

CORAL & RNFA: Are both affiliated members with ORNAC. The RNFA association was granted this status in 2004, congratulations. Both can be accessed via the website [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca).

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NEWSLETTER: proposal posted in the conference binder re reduction in number of times it is printed. Please read the proposal as you will be voting on it during this meeting.

OR NURSES DAY/WEEK: November 14 -20 2004

ORNAC President Marg Farley has posted a proclamation on the web and it would be nice to post in each and every O.R.

Proposals

Angi read the proposal as written in the agenda.

Proposal 1

Motion:

Whereas, The Provincial N&LORNA Newsletter is publishes every three months and whereas, the March and June issues have gotten increasingly smaller, BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Newsletter be published three times a year, December, May and September.

Rationale: It cost a considerable amount of money to get the newsletter published and distributed every three months. The response from the members the spring and summer months is low, resulting in minimal content for the March and June Issues. Therefore, by combining the March

and June issue will save money and still keep in touch with members.  
First and seconded by N&LORNA Provincial Executive.

Angi called for discussion. There was no discussion. A vote was put to the floor and carried unanimously.

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Angi read Proposal Number 2

## PROPOSAL 2

Motion

Where 'Gloria' is N&LORNA's theme song. N&LORNA's Rules and Regulations Conference Hosting Guidelines, Social Committee #3.7. Be it resolved that it be removed as an official theme song.

Rationale Most professional organizations do not have theme songs.

1<sup>st</sup> Mover: Angi Patten

2<sup>nd</sup> Mover: Lois Flynn

Angi called for discussion. There was no discussion. A vote was put to the floor.

30 in favor

17 against

7 abstained

Motion carried

Angi read Proposal number 3

## PROPOSAL 3

Motion:

Where as the 2009 National ORNAC meeting will be held in St. John's, Be it resolved that our Provincial meeting be combined with it.

Rationale: Most provincial members will want to attend the National in their province and will not be able to go to Provincial later in the year. It is fiscally responsible, it is an election year.

1<sup>st</sup> Mover: Janice Roche

2<sup>nd</sup> Mover: Ena Decker

It was discussed and amended. Then read the amended proposal.

Amendment: Whereas the 2009 National ORNAC Meeting will be held in St. John's, be it



resolved that our Provincial AGM be held during the national.

1<sup>st</sup> Mover: Regina Young

2<sup>nd</sup>. Mover: Angi Patten

Discussion: There is usually free time allotted National Meeting. N&LORNA should be able to set up a 2-3 hour AGM during this free time. It is an election year and a new executive will need to be voted on.

A vote was put to the floor and carried unanimously.

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There were no other Proposals put forth. Angi thanked scrutineers, Wanda Penney, Evelyn Clancy and Marg Farley.

Angi asked if there was any further discussion. Millie Guzzwall asked about the scheduling of Provincial Conferences and questioned, if the bulk of N&LORNA members were in St. John's why the Provincial Conference wasn't held there more frequently. Laura Ellsworth answered the question: the bulk of nurses are no longer in St. John's and it is an executive decision years ago to distribute the conferences around the island and Labrador, as the local chapters could then share in the positive finances Provincial Conferences bring to local chapters.

Lynn Anderson stated that it is more expensive to host a meeting in St. John's.

Regina Young stated it is very hard to book large meetings in St. John's.

Millie also talked about collecting gifts for prizes during conferences and the difficulty in gathering these things from the community especially if the conferences are close together. She felt it shouldn't be required: Angi and Laura told her to refer to the rules and regulations in N&LORNA binder and follow the guidelines under hosting a Provincial Conference and the Chapter could then refer back to the executive with any concerns, difficulties or guidance.

Sheila Billard requested that booklets, AGM reports and minutes be given to members on registration as it gave the membership time to read the reports.

With no further discussion, questions or comments Angi asked the AGM be closed @ 1100 hrs.

1<sup>st</sup> mover: Anne Nofall

2<sup>nd</sup> mover: Lynn Anderson

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary - treasurer

Trudy Bradbury

**ORNAC ANNOUNCES**  
**The 2005 CARDINAL HEALTH RESEARCH GRANT**  
**VALUE: up to \$5000**

**WHO**

Available to researchers who meet the criteria as outlined in the Cardinal Health Research Grant Guidelines for Applicants ( see **HOW** ).

**WHAT**

An Annual grant of up to \$5000 sponsored by Cardinal Health and administered by the ORNAC Research Committee.

**WHY**

To promote perioperative nursing research activities and to encourage the integration of research findings into perioperative nursing practice, in order to improve Perioperative patient care.

**WHEN**

Letters of Intent are required by November 15, 2004. Application deadline is March 15, 2005. Grant recipients will be selected at the May 2005 ORNAC Board meeting.

**HOW**

GUIDELINES FOR Applicants and Application Forms are available from Karen Frenette, Chair of ORNAC Research Committee, at [kfrenett@health.nb.ca](mailto:kfrenett@health.nb.ca) or through ORNAC Website: [www.ornac.ca](http://www.ornac.ca)

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS

**Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada**  
19<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Montreal, QC  
May 1 - 6, 2005

Share your accomplishments in the fields of perioperative clinical practice, education, professional development, research and administration!

The 2005 Conference Program Committee invites you to submit an abstract for presentation or poster at our 19<sup>th</sup> ORNAC National Conference.

### **“Today’s Projects, Tomorrow’s Progress”**

A submission will be considered for presentation in one of the following forums:

**Paper:** A 15 minute presentation by the author plus 5 minutes for questions.

**Poster:** A visual display. Posters will be displayed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Submission Deadline:**

Submission deadline is November 15, 2004.

After the closing date for submission, you will be notified of acceptance or rejection. Accepted abstracts will be listed in the ORNAC Journal.

## **Abstracts Submission Guidelines**

Abstract submissions should have a maximum of 150 words on a single-spaced page, typed with a minimum of 12 characters per inch. Abstract heading should include title, author's name, institution name, city and province. Please indicate your specific field of focus.

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Please send three (3) copies of the abstract by November 15, 2004 to:

Louise Bilodeau Chair, Program Committee,  
8280 Oregon Brossard J4Y 2J7  
Fax: (514) 345 - 4829  
[Bilolou@sympatico.ca](mailto:Bilolou@sympatico.ca)

## **Criteria for Poster Presentation**

**Your submission for a poster presentation has to be sent before November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

Selection Criteria:

Selection for presentation will be made in accordance to relevance of topic, and implications for perioperative nursing.

Please send three (3) copies of the submission by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to:

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### **Poster:**

Each display must be titled.

Lettering must be quality form.

Poster text should be readable from a 4 - 6 foot distance.

The presenter's name(s), credentials, and facility must be listed.

Charts, graphs, drawings or photographs must be of quality form.

Poster board size will be 26 inches X 88 inches (TBA)

### **Presenter's Responsibilities:**

Each presenter is responsible for the development, transportation, setup and removal of their poster display from the exhibit area.

Poster displays must be displayed on assigned boards in the Poster Exhibit area before Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005 at 10:00 am. Self - adhesive Velcro fastenings will be available in the Exhibit area.

Posters must remain displayed until Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 3:00 pm.

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If you are not attending the conference, have a delegate assigned to transport the display, as well as setup and remove it from the Exhibit area for **Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 5:00 pm.**

**Poster Award:**

A “People’s Choice Award” prize will be presented to one poster presentation developer during the closing ceremonies on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The audience will each be provided with one ballot and be asked to vote for their favorite poster, while considering the following criteria:

Overall appearance:

- attracts and holds the viewers attention
- appropriate use of color and space
- appealing arrangement of text and graphics
- text is readable from 3 to 7 feet

Content:

- relevance of topic
- logically organized, clear, easily understood
- free of errors
- effectiveness of sending the message

Louise Bilodeau

Chair Program

Committee

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First and foremost, I wish to thank N&LORNA for funding me to go to the Atlantic Conference in Moncton, October 3 - 6, 2004.

The Conference was very informative and enjoyable. We learned about Prostate Brachytherapy, Acute Viral Hepatitis, CJD< Women and Heart Disease, Surgical Techniques in people with Morbid Obesity, Lung Cancer, past and present. Also there were two wonderful motivational speakers, Cathy Fenwick and Brent Finnamore.

I brought back many new ideas. I will be doing a presentation at our local branch at our December meeting. Once again thank you for this opportunity.

Janice Roche

**N&LORNA**  
**Western Memorial Regional Hospital**  
**Annual Report**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Ten nurses were fortunate to be able to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annual Provincial Conference of the N&LORNA.

Our Operating Room Suite remains busy with 4 rooms running most days. Total number of cases for April 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup> 2004 was 5257, with 2665 undertaken as Day Surgical cases. The fund raising efforts of the Western Memorial Regional Foundation this year are going towards replacing the OR lighting systems and the OR tables.

**New equipment:** Trivex System (endoscopic vein surgery) being used by Dr MacKenzie and Dr. Van Niekirk. Novasure Thermal Ablation System being used by all three of our Gynecological Surgeons.

**New arrivals:** Lisa and Din Dicesare had a beautiful baby girl, Angelina Nicole, born last December. New arrival to come - Trudy Lacour is expecting her second child.

**Retirements:**

We were sad to see Utley Elford retire. Utley worked in housekeeping for many years. In July, Mena Keats, an experienced O.R.T. retired. They will both be greatly missed.

**New Staff:** Dean Noseworthy completed his O.R.T. course and has commenced casual with the O.R. He's' also engaged to be married.

**Physician changes:** Dr. Dave Maharajh left in August. He moved to Brandon, Manitoba. Western Health Care Corporation is actively seeking a replacement Urologist Dr. John Pariag, Surgical assistant, left to pursue further studies in Ontario. We have a locum Anesthetist, Dr. John Leyden, from Australia. Dr Sala Eldohiri, Anesthetist, commenced work earlier this month.

Janice Roche was lucky to be picked as the West Coast representative to attend the Atlantic O.R. Conference held in Moncton. Janice reported the Education component was

excellent. Janice will be presenting highlights from the Conference at our next local N&LORNA Chapter meeting in December.

Thank you to the Gander Conference Planning Committee for making the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary N&LORNA Conference a success.

Respectfully submitted  
Pauline Parrill, RN, CPN(C)  
Liaison  
Western Memorial Regional Hospital  
Corner Brook Chapter N&LORNA

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Hello from Goose Bay

Congratulations to Gander on a superb job!! The food was fantastic the entertainment fabulous and the educational sessions gave us excellent information to share with our coworkers.

Last year I commented on the importance of the OR conferences not only for educational and social sessions but for the opportunity to build relationships with our counterparts throughout the province, in addition providing us with a comfort level to call each other as the need arises. An example of this was last year. We had an eleven year old boy who had been sniffing gas, after lighting a match he caught fire to himself and ended up with third degree burns to his groins and both legs. Using the Humby knife we took skin from the back to graft the burned sights. The legs were healing well but we were having difficulty with the groin area. During a conversation with Rick Webber he suggested I get in touch with Margo Walsh to see if we could borrow their electrical dermatome. Margo had the dermatome up to us within a week. The electrical dermatome worked wonders, the graft took nicely, surgical time was cut less than half and the pain and discomfort was minimal i comparison to his previous grafting. The comparison of the Humby knife and electrical dermatome were like night and day. The surgeon thought he died and went to heaven, with the OR nurse following close behind. To a hospital isolated in Labrador this was major plus in our day. Thanks for the support from our peers across the province.

Connie Lamswood was kind enough to send her laparoscopy L-hook while we had a couple out for repair and a new one on order. Trying to be very efficient and ensure things got sent back in a timely manner, I quickly packaged up Corner Brook's hook when our new one arrived. Much to my surprise Connie thanked me at the OR conference for replacing their L-Hook with a brand new one. In the meantime Dr. Pradhan was quite happy with Corner Brook's hook. All in all everyone seemed happy so I figure it was a fairly even swap.

The population has increased with 2 new babies. It is great to have Tracey back to work we are now working with our full compliment of staff again.. Yes!! It certainly makes life easier and the



call schedule more attractive. Brenda is due back to work in March, she still visits on the odd occasion and enjoys the kitchen's fries/dressing and gravy.

We have completed - 250 major surgeries and 900 minor procedures over the past year. At present we are running th OR, PORR, day surgery, special procedures/endoscopy unit and CSR with 5 RN's and one ORT.

Have a great Christmas and a safe an happy New Year.

Corenia Price (liaison)

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#### St. Claire's Liaison Report 2003 - 2004

Hello fellow O.R. nurses. Another year has gone by so quickly. We are very busy at St. Claire's O.R. Evening and weekend work seems to be on the increase. We now total 35 surgeons, 8 dentists, and 11 anesthesiologists to share around our seven O.R.s. Dr. Bolis recently joined the anesthesia group and Dr. Savory has joined the head and neck group. One of our Nurse 11's, Kathy Fowler has left us to head up the 3 year wait list project.

Laura Ellsworth filled her position as nurse 11 in Ortho and Joanne Picco has taken on Laura's position as nurse 11 in Ortho and ENT.

We have preceptored 3 LPNs for the ORT course from the Center of Nursing Studies and are expecting two more LPN students later this year. Laura Ellsworth attended a Spinal Workshop in Memphis. Three PARR nurses attended the 1<sup>st</sup> PARR Nurses National Conference in Toronto. There is now a National Organization of PARR (NAOAN) for Canada. Several staff attended Vascular and Ortho workshops this year. Two of our ORT's attended the LPN conference in Gander.

Some new initiatives this year have been:

- Surgical site verification policy, which was piloted at St. Clare's July. This policy ensures that we are performing the correct procedure, the correct side and the correct patient. The team calls a "time out" prior to incision time. All patients undergoing procedures are requires to have a left or right initialed on the surgical site by the Resident or the Surgeon performing the procedure.

- On October 18 the PACS system was started at St. Clare's with each OR having access to the system. No more lost x-rays. Lets hope the computers don't crash.

- Completion of all nurses, anesthesiologists and surgeons for "fit testing" for 95 mask for patients with SARS or T.B.

- The Deio project for electronic documentation for anaesthesiologist, PARR, and PAC is ongoing.

- Accreditation for the HCCSJ took place the week of Oct 18-22. Perioperative and surgery programs were accredited together. Initial results were positive.

- Continuous Peripheral Nerve Blocks protocol has been completed and patients who need indwelling catheters into joints for pain control are now able to avail of that modality.

-In Nov Dr. Stone will be performing our first total ankle procedure. A visiting surgeon will assist him.

In-services continue on a weekly basis with topics such as Diabetes update, Oncology update, standardization of setups and in-servicing of various new equipment and instruments. Fund-raising is ongoing and we are always trying to think of creative ways to do this. We recently had a softball game between HSC and SCM OR staff. Some surgeons and anesthesiologists also attended. We had a great turn out and a great time, but we discovered that we “suck” at 16 softball to quote one of our team members.

We would like to thank Gander for a wonderful conference. It is always great to get together with colleagues and friends in a setting conducive to learning and play.

Respectfully

Shirley Taylor  
Liaison, St Clare's N&LORNA Branch

Hi, my name is Dianne Gaudet (as if you don't already know) and I am happy to bring greetings from Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital in Stephenville.

We were lucky enough this year to be able to send four nurses - Jackie Simms, Loretta Stokes, Betty Bishop and myself. Our doctors agree to have reduced list for two days with case/recovery which we have termed "Catch and Release" or "load and Go".

Our biggest news of course is the move to our beautiful brand new facility, which was one year ago - Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, to be exact. Although it is very exciting, it was not without a whole lot of stress. We're sure that any of you who have it in the past can appreciate what we went through.

Things were quite hectic for the first couple of months, especially as we did not have a nurse manager who worked within the OR area. Thank God in January we were finally given a PCC of our very own.

This is a temporary position for one year until January 2005, then I guess we will go back to mass confusion.

We feel that we have settled in quite well and we are enjoying our new facility. Our only problem (besides our temperamental heating system) is that we don't seem to see other nurses and hospital personal as often as we used to which is a bit of a drag.

Last January, Tracey Madore also found us as a nursing student for 17 weeks but we were able to keep her for summer relief and so far she is still with us.

Lori Lovelle started her deferred salary leave in August. She will be gone for one full year - Lucky Dog!

Melvina Coles, who was our relief from the float pool' is now doing Lori's relief.

Recently we have had two new nurses join us. Kara Young, full-time and Penny Young, half-time. (Not Related)

While it is always nice to have new people, unfortunately in the process we have lost Colleen Green to triage and MARY Costello to a day position in the float pool with chemotherapy as her main job.

At present, we offer General Surgery - OB/GUN, Opthamology, Minor Day Procedures, Endoscopy, Pain Clinic, PAC, and Dental Services. We have two surgeons, two OB/GYN, two

Anesthetists, one Ophthalmologist, and one dental surgeon.

As for our future, who knows. With the board integration and the Hay Report hanging over our heads. Anything can happen.

But for right now we are happy to be here in Gander to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of N&LORNA conferences.

Hopefully next year this time we will all still be OR nurses and still providing our community and surrounding areas with the same services we are offering right now.

In closing, we would like to thank the OR nurse from James Paton Memorial Hospital for a wonderful weekend.

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#### Liaison Report - HSC

The Health Science, located on Phillip Drive - St. John's, is busy throughout. It would probably be interesting if you could capture it for a split second, the number of people who are there at one time. Many services; clinics, output. Dept., family practice, therefore the OR. Is very busy and the largest in our Province.

We have a staff of 53 nurses, 40 full time, 10 part time and 3 presently on maternity leave.  
Anesthesiologist - 14, support staff - approx. 13, Perfusion staff - 5.

Total number of cases last year - 9060 Sept 30 - Oct 1 -04.  
Elective 7281, emergencies 1788

#### Number/Service

OPHTHAMOLOGY (general & local) -2024. New OPTHAMOLOGIST on staff - Dr. Todd Mceachrein

GUN - 2268 - New Gyn - Dr. Strand & Dr. Healey

G.S. - 1165

Urology 967 - New laser used strictly for stones

CV - 748

Plastics - 593

Neuro - 481 - presently trialing neuro-navigation system 4 neurosurgeons

Continuing with our in services on Tuesday morning. Opportunity to review equipment and orientate to new instruments. Risk management review of charting; pt. issues, along with ongoing CPR, disaster in service, whims, to name a few.

We have regular monthly meetings, which ended with a BBQ at Dorothy's house, this year in June.

There was a softball game at the Forest Road Site, with SCMH & HSC and the HSC won the series of 3 games. It was well attended. Early October we went camping at La Manche Park. We had a boil up on Sunday with the turkey, who was cooked by Heather Snow, showing up at 12.

Thanks to Bernice Pitcher for helping with this report, compiling information of stats.  
Ruth Noel - HSC

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Hello from Gander

I would like to thank everyone for attending our twenty-fifth anniversary conference. I hope all of you have enjoyed the educational sessions, exhibits, and of course the social events.

The past year has been very busy, evening shifts in Particular thus we are now going to start a twelve to eight shift. This will be shared by existing staff on a rotating basis, so we can have three people working from 3;30 - 8-00 PM to finish up late lists and add ons. Hopefully this will relieve a lot of frustration, but time will tell. We still have a weekend shift.

Two staff members Jennifer Mugford, Jill Greenham have returned to OBS. Donna Wellon will be soon joining them as well . Sorry to see them go .

Since the last conference we have two ORT positions. Debbie Byrne and Sue Mouland have filled these positions. Welcome aboard girls.

During the past year we have had a number of anesthesiasts come and go, however we have been able to get locums when needed. Dr. Sanchetti who is retired is also helping us.

Luckily, our surgeons seem to be settled with exception of Dr. Awadalla ( OBS/GYN ) who left for Winnipeg. Dr. Bakhet is now our only OBGYN other than locums.

Yvonne Morgan, Lorraine Suley, and Millie Guzzwell attended the Atlantic Conference in Moncton.

Yours Truly,  
Gary Bowering

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**Report for Curtis Hospital  
2003 - 2004**

This has been a busy year for us at Grenfell. Our chief surgeon was off for six months on sick leave, being replaced for part of that time by Dr Harris, a locum surgeon from Ontario.

Our perioperative area consists of

- surgical short stay plus pre-admission clinic
- four main operating rooms, two of which are operational each day
- Four bed recovery room
- One endoscopy/ minor OR suite
- 1 colposcopy room

We presently have 40+ families involved in a colonic cancer research study which makes our endoscopy unit very busy.

We continue to offer services in general surgery, orthopedics, urology, dental surgery, and obstetrical/gynecology surgery. Ophthalmology surgery is offered every two months on a locum basis.

We performed a total 2533 cases: 1125 in main OR and 1408 in endoscopy/ minor OR.

This year, we saw the return of the operating room technician course with one of the students from the program being preceptored at Curtis Hospital. That individual is still gaining experience with us. As well, two of our Rns are fully certified in RN1st assist for general surgery and functions as same when necessary.

As restructuring continues throughout the province, I'm sure the coming years will see many changes, some good, some bad. Throughout it all, we have to bear in mind that quality care is the main focus of our profession.

Have fun and best wishes to you all from the perioperative staff at Grenfell.

Respectfully submitted,

Madonna Chaulk  
Acute Care Director

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### **Liaison Report - Burin Oct/04**

We have 4 voting members attending Conference this year. Our total staff is 7 full time RN's and 3 casuals. We sometimes staff SPR with an LPN when extra help is needed.

I'm sorry to say we lost our cross-trained RN. Amy Harty, full time float, helped with call this summer and was just getting into the swing of things when she made a decision to follow her "significant other" to Baffin Island. She started at Clyde River earlier this month. We miss her very much. We are very fortunate to still have our three casuals. Sam, Mary and Maureen are still going strong after retiring a few years ago.

I don't know what we'd do without them.

Our 2 General Surgeons, Dr. Muyanga and Dr. Coetzee, keep us busy. I don't think they have learned the meaning of an "Emergency call-back". It is very frustrating getting called back for routine surgery that gets called "emergency" just so it can be done after hours. Our lists are constantly running late into the evening. After months of bringing our concerns to our Coordinator, we were asked to participate in an audit for 1 month. This was for the purpose of tracking the days activities to identify problem areas. It meant adding extra work to an already busy day. We went along with it anyway in the hopes of improving the situation. It finished a couple of weeks ago and we are now waiting for a meeting with our coordinator and the Director of Patient Resident Care to discuss it.

This year our stats were as follows: # of cases through PORR - 643, DS - 843 SPR - 2,288.

We still have Dr. Arthur and Dr. Obioha (OBS\_GYNE) and Dr. Criemin and Dr. Abraham for

Anesthesia.

Thanks to the Gander Organization Committee for hosting our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference. I'm confident it will be a great one and I, for one, will enjoy it to the fullest.

Respectfully submitted,

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