President’s Corner

I hope the summer is going well for all our MORNA members. At this time of year, the ORs reduce to summer slating and our daily work routines undergo change. As OR nurses we work and adapt constantly to changing conditions and circumstances to provide the best care to our patients. ORNAC and MORNAGA are also undergoing changes that cause us to adapt as we move forward as an organization.

It has been an interesting and exciting time for me as your President over the last 2 years. I have witnessed huge transition at the National level as we moved in compliance with the Canada Not-for-Profit-Act. National Board size was reduced and online registration started. At home we worked on the Bylaws and had meeting venue challenges. Personally I met many wonderful dedicated Canadian OR nurses who donate huge portions of their time to insure that our profession is as good as it can be. They help establish and maintain a high standard for us all. Members should be proud that this work is going on always with the goal of the highest quality of care for our patients in mind. I am very glad that I took the step of becoming President. I would encourage anyone to be involved by taking on a position at the Executive level. Everyone who joins brings their own special gifts and that is how we continue to evolve. I am very grateful to Leah Restall, Karen Sagness, Karen Warcimaga, Graciana Medeiros, Gladys Zinnick and especially Iris who has been with me the entire time and continues to serve as your Secretary. We will all be registering online in the fall so that will be a change for us to adapt to. Also we are trying a new meeting venue in the coming year. We will be in a large classroom in the basement of the day hospital at Riverview Health Centre starting in September. We will follow up later with maps and instructions. The room has screens and telehealth for our rural nurses who I hope will be there in larger numbers.

Please come out in September. We will have a get-together and explain the changes to the bylaws that are completed. New members can register in the fall and that will take you to December 2015.

It has been my pleasure to be your President. Thank you to all who welcomed and helped me.

Monica Palmquist
Morna Past President

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DINNER & BUSINESS Meeting was held on May 22\textsuperscript{th}, 2014 and we are pleased to welcome \textbf{Kim Goodman} (HSC) as our President-Elect, while \textbf{Jacquie Ratdke} (Seven Oaks) has taken on the role of our Educational Coordinator. We welcome you, and look forwards to working with you, in the coming year. Ornac registations will be on-line in the fall of 2014 at Ornac.ca. We look forwards to seeing you all out at our September Meeting, which will be held at Riverview Health Centre for the 2014-2015 year and Telehealth connecting with all our rural members.

\textbf{Monica Palmquist} is our new Past President, as her term is over. She has been an enthusiastic part of our Executive and lots of fun to work with. Monica will be a wealth of knowledge, resource and input, in helping our new President \textbf{Karen Sagness} in her two year term as Morna President. \textbf{Wendy Rodgers} has been quite busy as your Treasurer, updating and meeting with Auditor. A big thanks to Gladys Zinnick for mentoring Wendy and as a resource for endless questions!!!!

Gladys your never more than a phone call away...While I continue to be your Secretary, I look forwards to each of your correspondence and connecting with you at our Monthly educational sessions. We are planning another exciting year for 2014-2015 with the Spring Workshop booked for Saturday, March 7\textsuperscript{th} at Victoria Inn, and the May AGM at Norwood Hotel (TBA) Please mark these dates on your calender, as they are just around the corner!! \textbf{Iris MacMillan} - Morna Secretary
Presents: “RECOGNIZING RISK” Conference
June 19th & 20th, 2014
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June 19th, 2014 (Thursday)
1600 – 1800 hrs SCORNA Conference Registration/Exhibits (Rosewood Room)
1800 – 1900 hrs Education Session: Social Media in Health Care: Risky Business
1900 - 2100 hrs Welcome/Registration
Vendor Exhibits’ and Wine & Cheese Reception
[All registrants welcome]

June 20th, 2014 (Friday)
0800 – 0830 hrs SCORNA Conference Registration/Breakfast (Heritage Room)
0830 – 1600 hrs SCORNA Conference
1515 – 1600 hrs SCORNA AGM

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June 19th, 2014
1600 - 1800 hrs Registration/Exhibits (Rosewood Room)
1800 – 1900 hrs ‘Social Media in Health Care: Risky Business’ (Cascade Room)
1900 – 2100 hrs Welcome Reception/Exhibits (Rosewood Room)

June 20th, 2014
0800 – 0830 hrs Breakfast
0830 – 0930 hrs Education session: TBA (Cascade Room)
0930 – 1000 hrs Opening Ceremony (Cascade Room)
1000 – 1100 hrs Joint Education Session: ‘Emergency Treatment of Hernias” – Dr. Michael Sarr (Cascade Room)
1100 – 1230 hrs Lunch / Exhibits (Rosewood Room)
1230 – 1400 hrs Education Session: ‘SPOT ON Core Temperature: Recognizing Risk of Hypothermia’ (Cascade Room)
1400 – 1415 hrs Nutrition Break (Cascade Room)
1415 – 1515 hrs Education Session: ‘Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Managing Risk Pre-Operatively, Intraoperatively, and Immediately Postoperatively’ (Cascade Room)
1515 – 1530 hrs Closing Remarks (Cascade Room)
1530 – 1600 hrs SCORNA Annual General Meeting / Elections (Cascade Room)
I recently had the opportunity to attend the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons Annual Meeting along with the Canadian Plastic Surgery Nursing Symposium held in Montreal, QC and would like to share some of the more interesting points from one of the presentations.

One of the speakers at the nursing symposium was Ann Tapp, a lawyer with the Canadian Nurses Protective Society (CNPS) who, prior to becoming an attorney worked for many years as a perioperative nurse in several different specialties at three different facilities within Alberta. In her presentation, she shared several cases of litigation brought against hospitals, physicians and nurses in varying circumstances. Her recommendation to nurses was to focus on Risk Management: keeping your risks low will help to ensure that you are providing safe nursing care. In managing risk, she suggested to focus on the following:

1. Communication
2. Documentation
3. Competence – your best defense in a law suit
4. Professional liability protection (CNPS)

With respect to documentation, Ms. Tapp suggested, as most of us are aware, that your documentation must be as thorough and precise as possible. She also strongly urged attendees to keep your documentation free from derogatory comments indicating this will come back to haunt you.

Further to the topic of competence, Ms. Tapp indicated two key points. Firstly, if a law suit is brought against you, you will be judged based on “The Standard of Care” for your given specialty. This “Standard of Care” compares the nurses actions in question to that of another and basically asks, “Were the actions of the nurse in question comparable to a reasonable and prudent nurse with similar experience and qualifications in a similar circumstance?” This means that your professional conduct will be compared to a nurse of similar standing.

In her second point related to competence, Ms. Tapp mentioned that in a law suit, the attorney representing the patient will ask to see your resume for the purpose of learning whether or not you have done due diligence in keeping your knowledge and skill set current for your practice. Simply put, they will look to see if you have attended conferences, workshops, etc, related to your practice in order to keep “current” and were these enough to allow you to practice nursing in a safe and competent manner. Ms. Tapp strongly recommended that all nurses must assume responsibility for keeping current with new practices and technologies as they arise.

Safe perioperative nursing is a goal that we all strive for every day and Ms. Tapp's presentation was a poignant reminder of how very important it is for us all to keep this in the forefront of our practice.

Thankyou,
Karen Sagness
Certified Perioperative Nurse Canada

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Z305.0 Safety in perioperative environments

Perioperative environments and their associated risks and hazards are found in the traditional acute care hospital but are increasingly common in a wide variety of health care settings (e.g., surgi-centres, vision correction practices, medical and dental offices). CSA Group’s upcoming voluntary Standard on Perioperative Safety will provide organizations with systematic guidelines enabling them to develop and continuously improve safer work environments.

Focusing on the hazards and risks associated with perioperative environments, a key goal of the new standard is to provide a framework for prevention and mitigation of a range of issues from medical devices, chemical and anesthetic agents, to team risk.

How the Standard Benefits Employers & Employees

Employees may benefit through:
- Protection from risks and hazards associated with perioperative environments
- Promotion of staff education and healthier perioperative teams

Employers may benefit through:
- Guidance on appropriate policies and procedures
- Improve risk management
- Protection and retention of staff
BACKGROUND

ORNAC and other stakeholders are championing the development of this standard and it is being undertaken by CSA Group with the participation of a multi-stakeholder Technical Committee representing health professionals, medical industry, health care management, and government.

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Program

June 26th, 2014

1300 - 1400  LUNCH WITH VENDORS IN EXHIBIT HALL

1330 - 1400  REGISTRATION

1400 - 1405  WELCOME MESSAGE
Karen Sagness RN, CPN(C), RNFA  
    Symposium Chair

1405 - 1410  **WELCOME MESSAGE**  
    Dr. W. Bryan Callaghan  
    President, Canadian Society of  
    Plastic Surgeons

1410 - 1510  **CURRENT LEGAL RISK AREAS FOR PLASTIC SURGERY NURSES**  
    Ann Tapp, RN, BA, LLB  
    Canadian Nurses Protective Society

1510 - 1555  **ELECTROSURGERY: BASICS, SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN AESTHETICS, BURNS, PLASTICS AND RECONSTRUCTION**  
    Maggie Zed  
    Territory Manager and Product Specialist, AMT Electrosurgery

1555 - 1615  **NUTRITION BREAK**

1615 - 1645  **THE CARE OF PATIENTS WITH CLEFT LIP AND PALATE**
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SYMPOSIUM CANADIEN des INFIRMIÈRES et INFIRMIERS en CHIRURGIE PLASTIQUE

PROGRAMME
June 26th, 2014

13h - 14h  DÉJEUNER avec les EXPOSANTS

13h30 - 14h  INSCRIPTION

14h - 14h05  MOTS de BIENVENUE
Karen Sagness RN, CPN(C), RNFA
Présidente du Symposium

14h05 - 14h10  MOTS de BIENVENUE
Dr W. Bryan Callaghan
Président de la Société Canadienne des Chirurgiens Plasticiens

14h10 - 15h10  LES RISQUES LÉGAUX pour les INFIRMIÈRES et INFIRMIERS SPÉCIALISÉ(E)S CHIRURGIE PLASTIQUE
Ann Tapp, RN, BA, LLB
Société de Protection des Infirmières et Infirmiers du Canada

15h10 – 15h55 **L’ÉLECTRO-CHIRURGIE : les TECHNIQUES de la SÉCURITÉ, la GESTION des RISQUES en ANESTHÉSIE, les BRÛLURES, la RECONSTRUCTION**

Maggie Zed
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15h55 – 16h15 **PAUSE SANTÉ**

16h15 – 16h45 **Le SOIN des PATIENTS PORTEURS DE FENTE LABIO PALATINE**

Dr. Patricia Bortoluzzi
Stéphanie Santos, RN
Joanne Berube, RN
Université de Montréal

16h45- 17h15 **RAJEUNISSEMENT FACIAL**

Dr Stephanie Olivier
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ORNAC- Operating Room Nurses of Canada 23rd National Bi-Annual Conference is an example of where novice and experienced perioperative nurses from across Canada and around the world come together to provide and share an accelerated level of education and best practise, to network with friends, co-workers, enjoy Canadian culture, have fun and come away with an attitude of continued commitment of embracing change that will collaboratively, as a team, promote caring & ensure good patient outcomes.

This year was the first year that Ornac and IFPN (International Federation of Perioperative Nurses) together hosted this event, in sharing the importance of international co-operation, to help establish and promote best practise in perioperative nursing and care for patients throughout the world.

Perioperative Nursing encompasses three distinct phases of the surgical experience, (1) preoperative- the initial time or period in which the individual (patient) is informed of the need for surgery, (2) intraoperative- the duration of the surgical intervention and recovery, (3) postoperative- continues until the individual returns to their daily activities. Perioperative nursing is patient orientated, providing patient care & safety, shared information through interviews, assessment & teaching, monitoring, prevention of infection, maintenance of dignity & respect, a positive response to anaesthesia, using knowledge, communication & collaboration, in planning for a successful patient outcome during the surgical intervention.

Technological advances in science, research, clinical practise & technology over the last 15 years have had a huge impact on surgical procedures today. Past procedures involving a hospital operating room, a large incision, hospital stay with extended recovery, are now being performed as Same-day or Ambulatory surgery. Minimally invasive procedures (MIS), where surgery is undertaken through a tiny puncture site or two, with specialized equipment & instruments, promotes quicker recovery and discharges the same day. Today surgery can be performed in areas outside of acute hospital operating room settings, such as free standing surgical centers, mobile surgical units, satellite surgery centers, surgeon office based operating rooms, clinics & in the Radiology unit using interventional technology instead of open procedures.

With continuously evolving surgical techniques & instrumentation, as a result of repeated advances in technology, to become competent, with hands on experience in some more complex specialties, after the basic training has been completed, perioperative nursing can take up to two years, as is on-the-job learning.

Perioperative nursing is very rewarding, through collaboration with a team, assisting & promoting well-being to an individual during surgery. There are many opportunities outside of the surgical setting where continuous learning can take place, educational inservices, lectures, workshops, courses, and conferences. Learning is endless in a profession as nursing, and the networking with colleagues is everlasting. To share ideas, values, policies, standards & practises that are always evolving with today's advancing technology, helps to provide information and knowledge, teach skills that require mastering, for a new perioperative nurse to retain, then progress & function independently.

During the Conference, there were numerous sponsored educational breakfast sessions, to participate in; Breast Cancer Awareness, Multidisciplinary Approach to Enhanced Recovery
Surgery, Advances in Surgical Site Infection, and Adding some “SENSE” to Laparoscopic Surgery. Thank you to each of you for your support & involvement in our continued learning, Medline, Covidien, Johnson & Johnson, and ConMed.

The companies exhibiting their latest in technology, design & instrumentation, from both Canadian and International Manufacturers & Distributors, were endless yet rewarding in promoting safety & patient care, during the perioperative experience. The week of Educational Sessions were directed at Patient Safety, Creating Effective Inter-Professional OR Teams, International Perioperative Nursing, Advancing Perioperative Nursing-Personally & Professionally, Management- Healthcare Delivery & Efficiencies, Clinical-Specialty Specific, Education- Developing Perioperative Nursing, Perioperative Nursing Education, Workplace Safety, International Speakers, & French Sessions.

I would like to give special recognition to one of our own Morna colleagues, Lesia Yasinski RN/BN M.S.A., Manager Nursing Initiatives, WRHA, for her presentation on “Authentic Leadership: Developing the Leader Within.” Your endless passion for teaching, planning, collaboration within Morna, at Ornac, & the role in perioperative nursing, inspires those around you to continuously achieve.

The Keynote Presentations by (1) Dr. Dave Williams (Canadian Space Agency Program, & NASA Astronaut, setting records in spacewalking- 687 hours in space with 3 spacewalks- the highest number of spacewalks ever performed in a single mission) talked on “Risk Management: Don't Take Chances; Manage Risks.” and then (2) Lieutenant-General The Honourable Romeo A. Dallaire (Canadian Armed Forces- serving 35 years. The Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda where he shared his stirring account of his experiences during the worst genocide in the 20th century. In exposing the failures of the international community to stop this, in his best-selling book “Shake Hands With the Devil.” which was later released as a full-length film and won the Emmy Award for Best Documentary in 2007) presenting his lecture on “Leadership: A Humanistic Approach.”

The Ornac Executive and National Planning Committee, is to be congratulated and acknowledged for their endless enthusiasm in achieving a superb Conference with such inspirational, motivating and relevant guest speakers. I felt that all in attendance, were left at the end of the Conference, wanting to personally promote higher standards, greater postgraduate learning, so that excellence in perioperative nursing can be experienced.

I would like to thank Morna for promoting such a vibrant conference, and encourage everyone to participate in these events.

Iris MacMillan
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