



**OPERATING ROOM NURSES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
ASSOCIATION DES INFIRMIERES ET INFIRMIERS DE SALLES D'OPERATION**

Report Advocacy Pillar – Board Meeting – May 12, 2018

The foundation for the advocacy pillar work:

ORNAC must continue the quest of interprofessional collaboration between the Association and every relevant stakeholder – locally, nationally and internationally, for the purpose of establishing/confirming/reaffirming the role of perioperative Registered Nurses in all decisions that affect/influence perioperative nursing practice and patient/family centered care in the perioperative environment.

Accountabilities & Responsibilities: (from Terms of reference)

- Advocate on behalf of perioperative teams and patients/families through collaboration with strategic stakeholders for the goal of safe patient care: every patient, every procedure, every time.
- Represent perioperative Registered Nurses at every decision point of the perioperative patients' surgical continuum.

Purpose: (from Terms of reference)

- Collaborate with aligned Provincial, National, and International groups to support perioperative patient safety and effective perioperative teams as identified and prioritized in the ORNAC Strategic Plan.

Action: Interprofessional Collaboration and Engagement

Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS)

- The Chair of the CAS Standards Committee accepted the request to review and endorse the next edition of the ORNAC Standards – update to be provided by standards cmt.
- CAS offers the ORNAC representative a complimentary invitation to the annual conference welcome reception Friday evening and registration for the education sessions on Saturday.
- ORNAC is an invited member of the Allied Health Committee.
Note: The committee work has been focused on the development and approval of a national curriculum for anesthesia assistants.

- Barb attended the meeting in Niagara/2017 and will provide outcome of meeting. Next meeting Montreal/June – Barb to attend.

Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)

- Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties (Quarterly meetings) and Certification Advisory Committee –designate for President as required

Canadian Patient Safety Institute, (CPSI)

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute will begin implementing a new five-year strategic plan in 2018 which is being called “Patient Safety Right Now.” It is built around the vision of making Canadian healthcare the safest in the world. One of the many building blocks of that plan and the advancement of patient safety in Canada is the work of the National Patient Safety Consortium which held its fifth meeting in October in Toronto. As a Co-Lead of the Surgical Care Action plan I was funded by CPSI for travel and accommodation to attend this meeting.

The Consortium and the Integrated Patient Safety Action Plan show what can be done when committed organizations united with dedicated patients work together to tackle patient safety issues. During the two days of meetings in Toronto there was an opportunity to mark those achievements. The gathering was also an opportunity for participants to express their views on the challenges and opportunities moving forward.

Refer to my previous reports for specifics regarding the Integrated Safety Action Plan.

Since the face to face meeting in October the Surgical Care Safety Leads team and action partners have continued to make steady progress. I have represented ORNAC on 4 of the 6 themes/goals under the Surgical Care Action component of this plan.

#1 Goal: Leading practices for teamwork and communication to improve surgical safety across the continuum of surgical care.

The team that I co-led in partnership with Dr. Trina Montemurro (representing CAS) and Dr. Ahmer Karimuddin (representing CAGS) completed a report which synthesized all the current literature related to teamwork and communication in the surgical setting.

#2 Goal: A common set of surgical safety indicators

Additionally, in response to actions targeted at the identification of a national set of surgical indicators, through a collaboration led by CIHI, I participated on a working group which reviewed existing surgical indicators and identified a set of 8 indicators that would have broad applicability in Canada. These indicators are currently being reviewed by the provincial and territorial health ministries to determine alignment of these indicators with those being collected currently.

#3 Goal: A web based inventory of guidelines for patient and family engagement in surgical safety

Through a partnership with Patients for Patient Safety Canada, the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society and the OR Nurses Association of Canada, several surgery related patient engagement tools were compiled, reviewed and curated and have been posted for reference on the [Patient Engagement Hub of the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement's website](#).

#4 Improved Access to evidence based guidelines and best practices for surgical care safety

Efforts have focused on bringing to conclusion as many of the surgical care safety actions as is possible; the majority were successfully completed by March 31, 2018. It has been determined that due to scope and complexity the action relating to the dissemination and implementation of best practices (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery – ERAS; renamed Enhanced Recovery Canada ERC) will be integrated into CPSI's new strategic planning process. Six working groups have been developed to adapt and adopt existing evidence-based guidelines which will support an implementation strategy being planned for 2019-2020.

'Joint Position Statement on the Advocacy and Support for the use of a Surgical Safety Checklist'

Refer to the link posted on the ORNAC home page for the media release in October. The position statement development, with endorsement by key patient safety players in Canada, has been a personal goal of mine for many years - and these are the results. The dissemination of the document and communication has been stalled due to staff changes within CPSI.

I will share the final version of the position statement and communiqué the very minute that I receive the direction to release the info.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to continue the legacy of successful interprofessional collaboration on behalf of the ORNAC membership. And remember always, "You are a vital part of patient safety".

Respectfully submitted,



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