GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER TO RAISE STANDARDS

In October 1983 in Montreal, the first Standards of Practice committee met. Joan Donald was the first chairperson. The other committee members were Muriel Shewchuk and Gloria Stephens. In 1986, the first standards document was published under the title *Recommended Standards for Operating Room Nursing Practice*.

Since 1986 ORNAC has committed to updating and publishing perioperative nursing practice standards. Over the years ORNAC has become synonymous with these standards. Many ORNAC Board members and ancillary volunteers have dedicated time, energy and effort into keeping the nursing practice standards current and relevant.

In practice environments the standards are used by a range of nurses who have anywhere from 3 days to 30 years of perioperative nursing experience. Collectively these generations work to sustain excellence in perioperative patient care and nursing practice. The ORNAC Standards are the cornerstone of that practice.

On behalf of ORNAC, I would like to thank all perioperative nurses who focus their care on patient safety and best practice. Thank you for using the standards to demonstrate that you are a leader in patient safety.

Happy Perioperative Nurses’ Week!

Warmest Regards,

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