



National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada

PERIANESTHESIA NURSES WEEK!!!

February 7-11, 2011

NAPANc Executive Greetings

Greetings to all PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada, and congratulations to you all for the wonderful, unique work that you do!

This is the week, **February 7-11 2011**, when it is **your** time to shine: to be recognized for your extraordinary patient care that you provide to numerous patients daily who are undergoing any type or technique of anesthesia and who have or will have undergone surgery or another therapeutic intervention. We want to celebrate your successes, “loud and clear”.

You should feel proud of the work you do. Rewards are few in our nursing specialty, as most patients in perianesthesia environments are unaware of the care they receive (following anesthesia). They are often too anxious, too uncomfortable, or too ill or in too much pain to thank you in person themselves for your care and compassion as you tend to their needs. Since most of our units are not open to many observers, there is little knowledge of, or recognition of our work by others, patients and families alike.

The Executive members of NAPANc are aware of the work you accomplish daily: bringing relief to those in discomfort, and stabilizing the negative effects of surgery and other invasive procedures. You manage many patients and multiple issues at once, being vigilant to subtle changes in patient condition and covert demonstrations of patient discomfort.

We send to you with this greeting our deepest respect for, and pride in all of you, as you again celebrate this week that is dedicated just to you!

PeriAnesthesia Nurses, this is the week to share your stories, and celebrate your successes in assisting so many patients through their difficult journeys. Take time this week to celebrate with your colleagues in any way that you can. If you are only able to do so one day this week, then make it “PeriAnesthesia Nurses Day”, which falls on **Wednesday, February 9, 2011** this year.

Here's how:

- Meet for dinner
- Have a potluck: bring food into the workplace and celebrate during the workday
- Arrange a celebratory tea and snacks at work

- Honour each other with awards and prizes
- Set up displays in an open venue within your institutions, with demonstrations simulating the work you do
- Develop posters and videos to describe your work
- Participate in a sporting activity
- Many of you will be acknowledged by your administrators (if you let them know about this week)

However you choose to celebrate, remember that we know that PeriAnesthesia Nurses can be proud of ourselves and of each other!

Please take photos, videos and/or write your favourite stories (from the frontline) and send them in to us at info@napanc.org so that we can share these with your colleagues on our website: www.napanc.org. We will also select the best of these submissions for our newsletter, the “**Eye Opener**”, and distribute these to PeriAnesthesia Nurses across Canada.

So let’s get out there and celebrate! Remember, we are special! We are a nursing specialty that deserves recognition and acknowledgement.

Congratulations to you all! Happy PeriAnesthesia Nurses Week, Colleagues!

Contact us anytime! info@napanc.org

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