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CORNA Celebrates Perioperative Nursing Week

CORNA Held it's annual celebrations for Perioperative Nurses Week in November 2023. Each CORNA member was given a \$10 Tim Horton's Gift Card as a thank you for their dedication and hard work as OR Nurses.

During the month of November CORNA Ran an Annual Membership Drive with Prizes. A whopping 23 Nurses signed-up or renewed in the month of November! Winners of the Prize Draws were established at the CORNA AGM in January 2024. Congratulations to Cheryl Flynn - Winner of her Membership fees Reimbursed by CORNA and also to Taryn Prins - Winner of the \$75 restaurant Gift card.

Thank you to all of those who helped us celebrate Perioperative Nurses Week and to our Members of CORNA for their continued Support!

(In Picture: Nurses from the Red Deer Regional Hospital OR Celebrating Perioperative Nurses Week - November 2023 - Lisa Green, Duncan Hill, Justine Mattson)

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

March 25: CORNA's District Meeting and Education Session. Hosted on Zoom at 1630. Dr Vaz will be presenting on Pediatric Anesthesia. Please send your RSVP to jillclark@shaw.ca to receive the Zoom link

April 20: CORNA's Annual Spring Workshop. Hosted at the Red Deer Regional Hospital from 0800-1600. This is an in person event only. Please e-mail CORNA President, Jill Clark to register at jillclark@shaw.ca. The deadline to register is March 22, 2024.

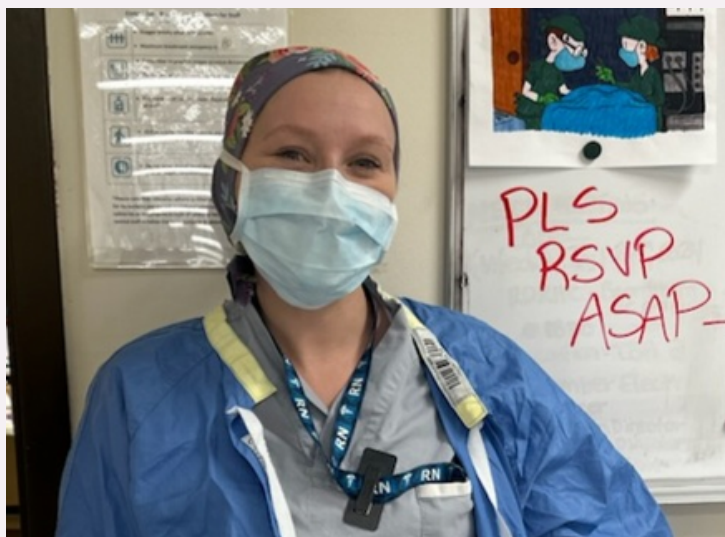
Sessions include Global Healthcare Worker Burnout, Acute Pain Pathways, Guatemala Medical Mission

April 22: NCORNA/NORNA will be hosting a education session by Trudi Yeung, *How to Save 38 Lives: A Day in the Life of an Organ Donation Coordinator*. This is free to all ORNAA members and \$10 for non-members. To attend, contact your NCORNA site rep or email

ncornatreasurer@gmail.com. For non-members, please send an e-transfer to ncornatreasurer@gmail.com.

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Please consider contributing to Snips and Snaps upcoming newsletter. Each scholarly paper or special interest pieces submitted to Snips & Snaps, (apart from conference or workshop summaries required for funding), will be reviewed by the awards prior to the AGM for the writing awards. The deadline for submissions are May 15 and November 15. Please email articles to education@ornaa.org.

CORNA 2023 Promising Star Award Recipient : Jenessa Everson

This incredible young lady joined the operating room team in Red Deer in December 2021, as a perioperative course student. Throughout her preceptorship, Jenessa distinguished herself as a willing and eager learner. Her positive, 'can-do' attitude made her a pleasure to teach and work with from the start. Jenessa successfully completed her peri-op course, and was hired into a position in the Red Deer OR. As she has progressed through her initial rotations in the different services, she has continued to grow and excel. Her nursing colleagues describe Jenessa as smart, kind, hard working and efficient. They appreciate that she takes initiative, voices concerns, and wants the best outcome for the patient. Her mentors find her approachable and receptive to feedback, and trust that when she has questions, she will ask. She is adaptable, remains composed, and understands and applies new concepts quickly. She routinely inspires positive comments from the surgeons she works with. We have been so blessed to receive such a wonderful, smart and caring nurse into our department. Jenessa is developing into an exceptional operating room nurse, and we look forward to seeing all that she will accomplish in her career. CONGRATS Jenessa!

Do you have a Promising Star in your Department?

This award is to be presented to an Alberta Operating Room Registered Nurse who is currently working in a surgical suite and who has less than TWO (2) years experience in this role. The nominee exceeds the expectations of their employers and/or colleagues and shows promise as an exceptional member of the Perioperative Registered Nursing profession.

This award is presented at the annual ORNAA AGM and the winner from each district will receive an annual ORNAC membership

- The nominee must be currently working, as a registered nurse, in a surgical suite and have less than TWO (2) years experience in this role.
- The nominee does not have to be an ORNAC member.
- An ORNAA Promising Star Award nomination form must be completed.
- As per the nomination form, the nominee must be nominated by a Registered Perioperative Nurse with an active ORNAC membership who writes a supporting letter that demonstrates how the nominee fulfills the criteria of the award.
- Forward complete nominations to the Education Director at education@ornaa.org by Tuesday October 1, 2024.