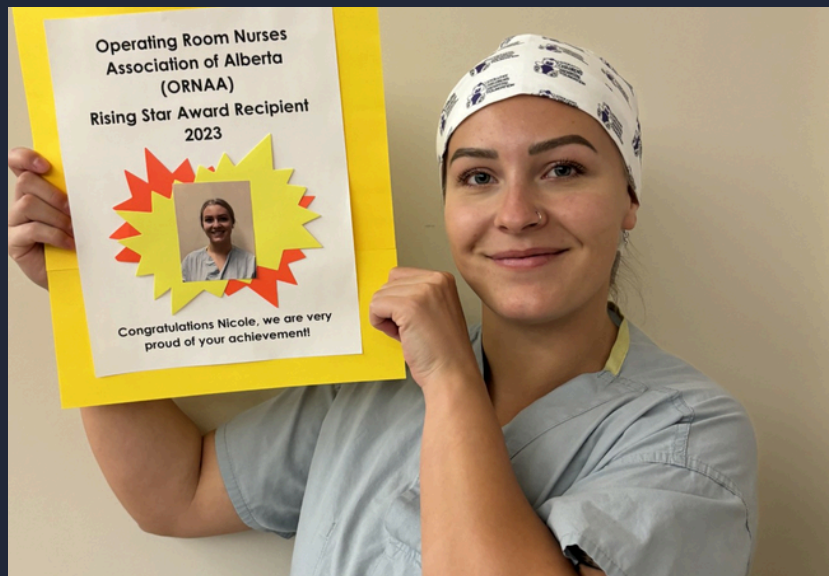


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NCORNA's 2023 Promising Star: Nicole Masson

Nicole Masson graduated from her nursing program and became an RN in spring of 2022. She was hired by the Stollery Pediatric OR and entered the perioperative nurse program in the fall of that year. Nicole completed her peri-op practicum in February of 2023 and started her orientation to the Stollery OR.

Her colleagues recognized Nicole's warm and friendly personality, calm demeanor, keen mind, and excellent work ethic. In the short time that she has been orientating to the unit she has excelled in both the scrub and circulating roles in services including ENT, neurosurgery, general surgery, urology, oral surgery, plastics, orthopedics and ophthalmology cases. Nicole picks up on different procedures quickly and has great attention to detail. In times when Nicole is not sure of something she actively seeks out the answers and integrates information quickly into her practice.

Nicole effectively supports anesthesia in the circulating nurse role during induction and reversal of our pediatric patients. The pediatric population that she deals with daily ranges from stable healthy patients all the way to critical cardiac and post transplant surgery patients. Nicole develops therapeutic rapport with her patients and their families in the short time frame in which we frequently work under at the Stollery. She communicates well with all members of the OR team from MDR (Medical Device Reprocessing) staff to service workers to surgeons to anesthesiologists to fellow nursing colleagues.

When not at work, Nicole enjoys taking her dog Charlie for walks in the river valley, attending music concerts, and practicing banjo. She also is an avid traveler and visited South Korea, Japan, and Peru this past year. When Nicole is asked about starting her nursing career in the Stollery OR, Nicole says, "I am beyond grateful to be working in the OR as I love the team environment, and I look forward to learning more and honing my skills here". Nicole is very much a team player and truly deserving of NCORNA 2023 Promising Start Award. Congratulations Nicole.

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The A'MHPazing Race

Reviewing The Massive Hemorrhage Protocol using Simulation and Gamification in the Misericordia Operating Room

Blood transfusions have been identified as a high-risk workflow due to the potential of serious consequences for patients. Massive Hemorrhage Protocol (MHP) initiation happens infrequently in the Operative Services Department at the Misericordia Hospital, making this low frequency event an even higher risk.

On May 10th, 2024, during OR slow down due to a surgical research day, a simulation day was planned for the department. The scenario - MHP.

The learning goals for the simulation day included recognition and activation of MHP, working through an MHP in the true multidisciplinary, multi-departmental fashion and the nursing skills associate with MHP such as priming blood tubing and fluid warmers and two-person verification of blood components and products.



Left Photo: Skill simulation set up in the OR

Right Photo: CNE's Tonya Whitney and Suzanne Watts with Simulation task cards

The A'MHPazing Race



Left Photo: Misericordia OR Staff participating in the A'MHPazing Race
Right Photo: Setting the scene

In preparation for May 10, we developed an Amazing Race style in-service title “A-MHP-zing Race” done April 26, 2024. This gamification in-service broke down the entire protocol into nine stations and one roadblock engaging staff in a comprehensive learning experience, combining theoretical knowledge with hands-on application. We also arranged for a Transfusion Medicine (TM) in-service on May 3, 2024 which offered a further overview of the MHP components and nursing considerations.

Preparation for the simulation involved updating the departments MHP Resource Kit as well as collaborating with TM and Connect Care IT. A Connect Care PJX Shadow environment was created with different patients for each simulation. This Shadow Environment allowed for the mirroring of the realistic workflows and communication not only between providers in the operating room, but between the OR and TM. TM was able to prepare for the simulated patients in advance in their Wellsky environment, allowing for their realistic workflow. It also enabled TM staff to print blood tag and bag stickers with each simulated patient’s information on it for all the simulations. This added to immense realism to the simulation, further allowing staff to immerse themselves into the experience.

The May 10th simulation day saw 55 Operative Services Department staff and 5 TM staff participate in one of the five simulations run. Key learning outcomes included better organization of supplies within the MHP Resource Kit to make it more user friendly during high stress situations and enhanced procedural knowledge, such as fibrinogen reconstitution and the two-person blood verification process.

CORNA Presents the 2024 Lana Herd Memorial Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing



Diane was nominated by the OR Staff from her Home Site at the Viking Health Centre. This team looks up to Diane and is grateful for her strong Leadership. Diane exemplifies exceptional qualities such as – compassion, teamwork, kindness, and a passion for her profession. She strives to make her team be the best perioperative team they can be. Diane is an amazing mentor; supportive and dedicated; challenging her colleagues to be the best Perioperative Nurses they can be.

Diane Started as Diploma Nurse and later went back to school to get her Degree. In the past 5 years, she has completed her Perioperative Nursing Course and has become the site champion in Viking. Diane is always researching, reading, and networking to ensure the Viking OR is functioning with best practice in mind. She is passionate about Perioperative Nursing and always concerned for improved patient safety.

Congratulations to Diane Vitek, the 2024 Winner of the Lana Herd Memorial Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing. Diane was peer-nominated for this Award, which also carries a monetary prize of \$500 from Mitch Herd, Lana's Son and is proctored by CORNA.

Diane is an unsung hero that puts her heart and soul into her job and deserves this recognition and appreciation. Congratulations to DIANE VITEK! Winner of the 2024 Lana Herd Memorial Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing.

Diane was nominated by Erin Hollar, Jill Davidson, Jaylene Hryhurchuk, Dallas Maxwell, Holly Perley, Taryn Chomik, and Amy Haesloop from the Viking Health Centre Perioperative Team