



CANADIAN ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES ASSOCIATION

PHILOSOPHY OF THE CANADIAN ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association believes that nurses who provide care to individuals with neuromuscular and skeletal disorders require a specific body of knowledge and skills to deliver the highest standard of care. We believe that this knowledge is acquired, maintained and advanced through basic knowledge, continuing education, practice and research.

WHAT IS CONA?

CONA is a special interest group of nurses and other professionals who work with Orthopaedic patients. The primary goal of the association is to provide a forum for the exchange and sharing of expertise and resources across Canada, and internationally. Conferences are held annually at the local chapter and national levels. Conference content includes elements of the practice of nursing in general and the latest developments and trends within the specialty of orthopaedics. CONA's official publication is the Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing which is distributed 4 times a year. CONA also publishes for its members a newsletter which is posted on the Association's Website. In addition, members are eligible to apply for bursaries and scholarships awarded annually by the Association. CONA is a member of the International Collaboration of Orthopaedic Nurses (ICON).

WHERE CAN YOU FIND CONA?

There are 15 chapters of CONA across Canada from Halifax to Victoria and members from every province. CONA also has members at large who are not affiliated with a designated Chapter.

ADVANTAGES OF CONA

1. The opportunity to network with orthopaedic nurses from different settings across the country and beyond.
2. Continuing education opportunities to develop and examine our daily practice.
3. Be up to date with current developments in the practice of orthopaedic nursing and assure the best quality of care.
4. Combine our collective energy to develop new resources to help nurses in their practice of orthopaedic nursing. (Why reinvent the wheel?)
5. Look at research results, take part in research and use research to provide evidence based nursing care. Develop measurable patient outcomes.
6. Access to financial support for continuing education and other awards.

JOINING CONA

Membership applications are available through your local Chapter or the Association's Website: www.cona-nurse.org . On-line registration is also available on the Website.