



April 19, 2016

Dear Member,

I'm pleased to share a number of important *new* updates with you today as well as include several reminders regarding upcoming events. I hope you find the information helpful and that you select one or more of the options below to get involved with your professional association. It would be great to talk with you!

Medical Assistance in Dying

- On April 14, 2016, [Bill C-14](#) was introduced in the House of Commons to amend the *Criminal Code* in relation to medical assistance in dying. Prior to being in effect, the enactment will need to be debated and passed by the House of Commons. The Supreme Court of Canada has given the Federal Government until June 6, 2016 to have legislation in place.
- The proposed changes outlined in Bill C-14 “create exemptions from the offences of culpable homicide and of administering a noxious thing, in order to permit medical practitioners and nurse practitioners to provide medical assistance in dying” and also includes exemptions which “permit pharmacists and other persons to assist in the process” (House of Commons of Canada, 2016, April 14, p. ii). Bill C-14 specifically defines the conditions and criteria for provision of medical assistance in dying including who is eligible, and the safeguards that are proposed.
- The SRNA will be collaborating with representatives of the ministry of health, other regulatory bodies and employers as well as SRNA members and members of the public to establish a process for Medical Assistance in Dying in Saskatchewan.
- To inform this work, we will be providing you with a number of opportunities to share your perspective. One option is an SRNA webinar that will be held on May 12th (3:00 to 4:30 p.m.). Hold the date and stay tuned for more details.
- For further information, refer to our [April 4th SRNA Update on Physician-Assisted Death](#) or contact a practice advisor (practiceadvice@srna.org) with specific questions.

April 27, 2016 NP Awareness Day

We are pleased to recognize the contributions of RN(NP)s across the province. Join us at the Saskatchewan Legislature at 9:00 a.m. for a flag raising ceremony to celebrate Nurse Practitioner Awareness Day in Saskatchewan.

April 29, 2016 SRNA Special Meeting

The special meeting to discuss SRNA's position and planned actions regarding the new SALPN bylaws and related employer practices has been scheduled for April 29, 2016. [Registration is open and the agenda is posted online.](#)

May 3 & 4, 2016 Annual Meeting and Conference – RNs Leading Change! - A [Continuing Competence Program \(CCP\)](#) Opportunity

One way to fulfill your CCP commitment is by attending the SRNA Annual Meeting and Conference. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the event.

Space is still available: [Register Now](#)

SRNA 2016 Proposed Bylaws: Watch President-elect Joanne Petersen's, RN informative webinar and learn about the proposed [2016 SRNA bylaw changes online.](#)

[Vote for SRNA Council and Nominations](#)

The window to cast your vote for the 2016 SRNA Council and Nominations Committee is quickly coming to a close. You will have received your voter information via email; however if you have any questions or need some help, please call us. [Click here to vote now](#)

May 3, 2016 SRNA Awards Banquet

Tickets are still available to attend the celebration of our RN and RN(NP) leaders. Tickets can be purchased [online.](#)

May 17, 2016 Ginette Rodger Workshop Making Organizational and Social Changes

Join us for a workshop led by Ginette Lemire Rodger on *How to make organizational and social changes:* A workshop to acquire skills for action.

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Room 155 Saskatchewan Polytechnic Regina Campus.

[Register online.](#)

Input on NP Entry-level Competencies

The SRNA is looking for feedback on NP entry-level competencies. [For more information please visit our website.](#) The deadline to respond is May 5, 2016.

Check out the online [2015 SRNA Annual Report.](#)

Practice Survey

If you have used the Practice Consultation Services we invite you to participate in the [practice advisement service survey.](#) Your feedback will help us improve our service to you.

As always, thank you for your contributions as an RN or RN(NP) in Saskatchewan. I look forward to your feedback!

In appreciation,

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