

News Release

SRNA 2013 Annual Meeting

Saskatoon (April 29, 2013) - Over 350 Registered Nurses and Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioners) from across the province representing all areas of the profession are gathering at the SRNA Annual Meeting at TCU Place in Saskatoon Saskatchewan for a three-day event beginning April 30, 2013.

Members will be asked to approve changes that reflect their evolving practice at the Annual Meeting on May 1. The SRNA believes that Optimizing the Scope of the Registered Nurse aligns with the Saskatchewan government five-year and 2013-14 Strategic Priorities for the Healthcare System. The Saskatchewan government is planning a health system that provides better health, better care, better value, and better teams for Saskatchewan people. The government's transformation agenda is committed to improving access, quality, and safety for Saskatchewan people. The SRNA plan also contributes to these ends.

Part of this vision is a primary health care system that is sustainable, offers a superior patient experience and results in healthy people. RNs with additional education in select practice areas functioning within a health care team can address the need for timely access to health care services, and contribute to a sustainable and effective primary health care system.

"Moving forward, we are building a strong foundation for the future, so the changes to our evolving practice are timely," says Kandice Hennenfent, RN, outgoing President of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association.

The Registered Nurse with Additional Authorized Practice, as a valuable team member on the primary health care team, allows for the continued delivery of much needed health care services in northern areas of the province where RNs have widely functioned under a transfer of medical function. The development of the role of the RN with Additional Authorized Practice is part of the SRNA regulatory mandate to provide public safety by setting standards of professional conduct, competency and proficiency of registered nurses, and ensuring consistency in approved/recognized education in order to provide practitioners with the knowledge, skill and ability to provide services.

The SRNA, established in 1917, is the professional self-regulatory body for the province's RNs and RN(NP)s. The Registered Nurses Act (1988) describes the SRNA's mandate in setting standards of education and practice for the profession and registering nurses to ensure competent, caring knowledge-based care for the people of Saskatchewan. The SRNA is responsible for ensuring continuing competence, professional conduct, standards of practice, a code of ethics and the approval of nursing education programs.

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