

## News Release

**Saskatoon (May 7, 2015) – Registered Nurses Influencing Health Care and Driving Change**  
- Over 300 Registered Nurses and Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioners) from across the province representing all areas of the profession are gathering at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon May 5 – 7, 2015.

Some highlights from the day include:

- Opening keynote Dr. Marlene Smadu, RN, VP of Quality and Transformation with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health will kick off the annual conference day, May 7, 2015. Dr. Smadu will share her expertise on patient safety and quality improvement relating to RNs as leaders in leading change in health care.
- A panel discussion with leaders from three of the health regions, facilitated by Gregory Marchildon, promises to ignite the audience on the role of leadership in health care.
- Closing keynote Dr. Riane Eisler, best known as author of the *Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future*, and *The Real Wealth of Nations*, will share her insights on her partnership model for business and government consultations.

"RN's have a role to play and we can influence health care to provide better health for the people of Saskatchewan," Says Linda Wasko Lacey, RN, SRNA President. "Together we can do better to serve the people of Saskatchewan" Wasko Lacey added.

*SRNA is the profession-led regulatory body for the province's over 11,000 registered nurses including 198 nurse practitioners. 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 better Health for all through nursing regulation, professional practice, and collaboration. The SRNA is responsible for ensuring continuing competence, professional conduct, standards of practice, a code of ethics and the approval of nursing education programs.*

**For more information, contact the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association:**

Shelley Svedahl, Manager, Communications & Public Relations

Ph: (306) 359-4216 Cell: 306-539-1442 [ssvedahl@srna.org](mailto:ssvedahl@srna.org)

