

News Release

Saskatoon, May 6, 2015 –Over 300 Registered Nurses and Registered Nurse Nurse Practitioners from across Saskatchewan will gather in Saskatoon on May 6, 2015 for the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association Annual Meeting. Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit will be on hand on **Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 8:15 AM** to address the membership in support of their vision of Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners as leaders in healthy communities.

As part of the SRNA's public and member accountability, the Association will release results of the 2015 biennial member survey at 9:00 AM. The survey is designed to help the SRNA engage in strategic planning, and review accountability of the organization as perceived by its members.

The 2015 survey outcomes generally indicate a solid and stable foundation for SRNA and an encouraging member opinion. In regards to the perception of understanding by the public and by health-care professionals of the role of Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner, the findings are worth noting. RNs do not have a strong sense overall that the public understands the role of the RN. Only 28% of respondents rate public and health-care professional understanding of their role, which, as was the case in 2013, indicates an average consensus. The findings for RN(NP)s, relative to 2013, show that results are very stable: 27% of RN(NP)s responded that the public "understands" their role. None of the respondents indicated that they felt that there was a 'full' understanding – similar to the findings over the last three surveys.

Profession-led regulation is the regulation of a profession by its members. The regulatory body is accountable for ensuring members are competent in providing services that society has entrusted to them. Individual members are personally accountable for their professional nursing practice through adherence to the code of ethics, practice, standards and maintaining competence. The primary purpose of profession-led regulation is protection of the public from harm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this event.

[The full agenda is available online membership survey](#)

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.

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