

Open Letter to Nurses

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It's our week! May 12 -18 is our time to celebrate our accomplishments, our innovative ways, our continued advancements and the diversity within our profession. *Take a closer look* at over 7,000 registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and licensed practical nurses in the Winnipeg health region - the largest group of health care providers in the Region! A powerpoint of all the great work and activities of the Region's nurses will be available online in the nursing section of INSITE. Check for it at <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/prog/nursing/index.php>.

Centennial celebrations continue. The Centennial Awards were created to celebrate 100 exceptional Registered Nurses across Canada in 2008. In addition to Jodi Dusik-Sharpe, who was mentioned in the last Open Letter, the remainder of the RNs from Manitoba who have received or will receive this special award are: Joan Toms, Brenda Dawyduk, Dr. Leslie Degner, Dr. Pamela Hawranik, Maureen Heaman and Noreen Wallwin. Congratulations to you all!

Part of becoming an exceptional nurse is continuing with nursing education. One of the education programs available to nurses, the Adult Intensive Care Nursing Program, is currently undergoing revisions to its structure and curriculum in order to help meet the needs of new staff and existing staff.

Registration for the new program, called the **Winnipeg Critical Care Education Program**, is through Winnipeg Regional Health Authority by contacting Tanis McCallum at tmccallum@wrha.mb.ca or Suzanne Turner at sturner3@sbgh.mb.ca. Commencement of the new Winnipeg Critical Care Education Program will be September 8, 2008.

More information about the program can be found in *Winnipeg Critical Care Education Program Communiqué 2* from the Critical Care Program or by contacting Betty Lou Rock, Program Director of the Critical Care Program at 787-1504.

For details on a variety of educational opportunities, visit INSITE at <http://home.wrha.mb.ca/education/index.php>.

Clinical education is an area that has been a concern to many nurses and healthcare colleagues. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is assessing alternative methods for delivery of interdisciplinary continuing clinical education within the Winnipeg Region. More information on this process will come in the next few months.

National Nursing week is May 12 -18. Take the time to recognize yourself and colleagues and get involved in some of the week's activities.

The focus tends to be on big ticket achievements when promoting a group of people at a specific time. Rightly so, big accomplishments deserve recognition. But when it comes to getting others to really *know nursing*, it is the day-to-day skills and knowledge - direct care activities, kindness toward clients and families in our care, continued learning and improvement, managing the healthcare system, working together for patients with other nurses and health professionals - which will highlight every nurses' importance and accomplishments, all year round.

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Board of Directors and senior management team applauds the big achievements and daily accomplishments of each and every nurse in the region.

Thank you for your many contributions to the health care team.



Jan Currie

*Congratulations to Jan from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Board of Directors and senior management team for also being selected for a CNA Centennial Award!

Think you know nursing? Take a closer look.

2008 CRNM Professional Nursing Award winners:

Outstanding Achievement Award

Dr. Judith Scanlan, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Professional Lifetime Achievement Award

Ms. Sharon Kirwin, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Excellence in Professional Nursing Award

Ms. Lori Lamont, RN -Winnipeg, MB

Ms. Elizabeth Hextall, RN - Brandon, MB

Ms. Verna Pangman, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Ms. Nancy Clarke-Landry, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Ms. Linda Dando, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Ms. Bonita Yarjau, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Christine Ateah, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Diana Clarke, RN - Winnipeg, MB

Ms. Patricia Cockburn, RN - Neepawa, MB

Ms. Patricia Sherrer, RN - Swan River, MB

Ms. Debbie Clevert, RN - Souris, MB

Interdisciplinary Health Care Team Award

Youville Centre, WRHA Public Health/Mental Health Team
& Boni-Vital Council for Seniors - Winnipeg, MB

CRPNM Excellence Awards:

Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice

Mr. Grant Major, RPN - Steinbach, MB

Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Research

Ms. Doris Lagiewka, RPN - Winnipeg, MB

Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Leadership

Ms. Betty Hooke, RPN - Brandon, MB

Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada Award

Ms. Marg Synyshyn, RPN - Winnipeg, MB

CLPNM Awards:

Nursing Practice Award

Ms. Marni Stewart, LPN from Notre Dame

Nursing Mentor Award

Ms. Donna Stewart, LPN from Teulon Hospital



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Submissions and comments are welcome.

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