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President's Message

We are always coping with change, whether at work or at home. Each spring it's time to change our winter tires with our summer tires. That's always a positive action because this is a concrete indication that a new season is upon us. But one year I was too busy; too preoccupied; too whatever – I had numerous excuses of why I *didn't* want to change my tires. But by midsummer I was forced to replace my tires because they were shredded and partially melted because of the summer heat. Note: winter tires do not cope well with extreme pavement heat!!

I use this story to explain how change will always catch up with us even if we try to ignore it. You cannot deny it - change is part of our daily lives. But, it can cause stress, especially in the workplace with the unknown element of what is coming next and how it will affect us. Whether change is related to the amalgamation to the Nova Scotia Health Authority; a re-alignment of duties; implementation of a new electronic system; or just adjusting the 'team' in welcoming new members; how we deal with change impacts our outlook. Adopting an attitude of anticipation helps one cope better.

In the role of informatics, change is always coming, and usually it's good. We need to keep abreast of nursing informatics changes by getting involved. Checkout our newsletters; attend educational sessions; conferences and networking opportunities. Having firsthand knowledge of the upcoming changes helps us better make an informed decision on how the change will affect our job/ role/ life.

So the next time you change your tires think of how you can embrace change and apply it to the changing seasons of your life.

Sharon Forbrigger, President

Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah Lecture Series - The Nursing Informatics Journey and the Future

This event was a huge success with many participants in attendance!

The Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah, C.M., PhD, RN guest lecturer series was held at Dalhousie University in Halifax on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Following the lecture series, the Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group (NSNIG) hosted a Wine and Cheese and presented Dr. Hannah with a donation towards the

Upcoming Events:



The New Brunswick Nursing Informatics Group (NBNIG) is hosting a webinar on January 24th, 2017 (Tuesday) from 1200-1300h AST. Presentations by Dr. Kathryn Hannah and Dr. Lynn Nagle. Topics include importance of nursing informatics and national nursing data standards – a call to action. To register and for more information, please visit <http://www.nbnig-giinb.ca>.



National Institute on Nursing Informatics

February 13-15, 2017

Link: <https://bloomberg.nursing.utoronto.ca/pd/professional-development/informatics>

The National Institute on Nursing Informatics is a unique educational opportunity for nurses interested in learning more about advances in Canadian nursing and health informatics. The 2½ day onsite institute will focus on key issues and challenges related to informatics in practice, administration, research and education.

nursing informatics scholarship on behalf of our membership. A special thanks to the event sponsors Allscripts and Barrington Consulting.

Dr. Hannah's educational presentation outlined the past, present and future directions for nursing and health informatics and encouraged the audience to become more engaged and informed about the importance of the role of the nurse in this vital aspect of healthcare. The scholarship will support more nurses prepared at the graduate level with experience in health information. For more information on the scholarship, go to www.cnf-fii.ca



Above L to R: Dr. Margie Ann Kennedy, Mary Eileen MacPhail, Jacquelyn MacDonald, Sharon Forbrigger, Dr. Kathryn Hannah, Charlotte Williams, Brenda MacDonald



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The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA) and the Ontario Nursing Informatics Group (ONIG) are pleased to announce their conference, **Informatics: Engaging Enabling and Empowering Nurses in Digital Health** to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

This joint CNIA/ONIG conference will take place at the University of Toronto and precedes the 2017 e-Health conference in Toronto. This conference provides an opportunity for participants to learn from and network with leaders within the emerging field of digital health. Program and registration details will be available soon. Website: <https://cniacnionig-conference-save-date/>

Meet NSNIG's Education /Research Representative

Jacquelyn MacDonald was delighted to join the NSNIG as the new Education/Research representative in June 2016. Knowing that NSNIG provided a lot of dynamic education opportunities in the past, Jacquelyn indicated she looks forward to supporting this mandate moving forward.

Jacquelyn comes to NSNIG with over 20 years of nursing experience and clinical practice in various settings, along with specific expertise in the field of Public Health nursing practice. Currently, she works at Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Atlantic Region (FNIHB-AR) in a regional nursing position. Healthcare delivery in First Nations is complex and requires innovative partnerships and collaboration as new information and communication technologies emerge in Health Informatics. In her role as the Regional eHealth/Health Informatics nurse, Jacquelyn is constantly seeking ways to leverage emerging technologies to support First Nations health priorities to increase access to health services and foster improved health outcomes; as well as trying to balance the individual community level perspective with the macro perspectives at regional, and national levels. A few initiatives that she highlights include Clinical Telehealth, Electronic Medical Records (EMRs), Privacy, eHealth Strategic Planning and Evaluation.

In February 2016, Jacquelyn had the unique experience of attending the 4th *National Institute on Nursing Informatics* for two and half day training in Toronto. She describes her experience as “an educational event that not only provided a forum to learn from a diverse group of experts in the field but included the added value and opportunity, to interact with other nursing informatics professionals from across the country. For any of you who have not yet had the opportunity to attend, I highly recommend this event!”

Jacquelyn believes that working in the field of health informatics has been one of the greatest nursing experiences in her career. As a professional nurse, she is interested in being a part of NSNIG to collaborate with others committed to Nursing Informatics, to augment her knowledge, skills and expertise in informatics, and support the growth of others who also believe that health information is key to nursing practice.

Jacquelyn looks forward to sharing with her colleagues and contributing to moving the Health Informatics agenda forward in Nova Scotia.

To discuss education ideas or opportunities that we can promote to our NSNIG members, please contact Jacquelyn at: Jacquelyn.MacDonald@hc-sc.gc.ca, or by phone (902) 233-6995.

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e-Health 2017

Canada's ONLY National e-Health Conference and Tradeshow

June 4-7, 2017 Toronto, ON

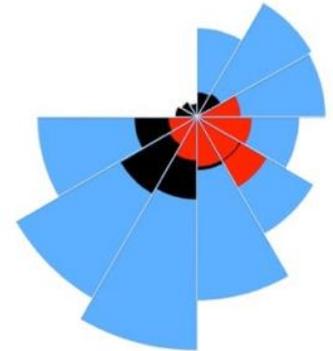
e-Health offers proactive top-quality learning, opportunities to network with organizations and people that value quality health information as well as effective integrated system solutions. Since its inception, the Conference has attracted a steadily increasing attendance, now upwards of 1,500+ delegates. The Trade Show provides an excellent opportunity for direct access to members of the health informatics community. Join us for the 2017 e-Health Conference in Toronto, Canada! For more information contact: <http://www.e-healthconference.com/>

Did you know?

Nursing Informatics Pin

(Published by CNIA)

The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA) and Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) are pleased to present the new Canadian Nursing Informatics pin. This pin was conceptualized by the Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA) to represent and celebrate Nursing Informatics in Canada. It is a stylized representation of Florence Nightingale's Rose Diagram.



In addition to being the founder of modern nursing, Nightingale was an eminent statistician and innovative creator in the visual presentation of health information and statistical graphics. The color statistical graphic entitled "Diagram of the Causes of Mortality in the Army of the East" was used to demonstrate that epidemic disease was responsible for more British deaths in the course of the Crimean War than battlefield wounds. Nightingale used the graphic as a way to explain complex statistics simply, clearly, and persuasively. Thus, Nightingale was also a forerunner of modern Nursing Informatics.

The CNIA has partnered with CNF and the Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship Committee to raise funds supporting this national graduate level scholarship for Canadian Nurses pursuing advanced education in Nursing Informatics. The pin will be sold in support of the scholarship only until the target funding threshold has been met. The Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship is over half way to this goal, and we are extremely pleased to add this distinctive pin as one component of the fundraising campaign for the scholarship. We are thrilled to have received the exceptionally generous corporate donation from Cerner Canada as a Premier Category Sponsor with \$50,000 added to the scholarship fund.

Once this initial priority is satisfied, pin sales will be coordinated exclusively by the CNIA and funds raised will be used to support CNIA's important work in helping shape the future of Nursing Informatics in Canada. The CNIA will achieve this goal through strategic partnerships with affiliated jurisdictional associations, national organizations – Canadian Nurses Association, COACH, Infoway, participation in key informatics initiatives and through providing exceptional member value through regular education sessions, networking, biennial CNIA conference, information sharing, and advocacy.

Wearing the new Canadian Nursing Informatics pin as a symbol of Nursing Informatics in Canada celebrates Canada's Nurse Informatician leadership, professionalism, academic endeavors, research, and contributions to Canada's Digital Health agenda. Canada's Nursing Informatics day is held annually on May the 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday, which also falls during Canada's National Nursing Week.

COMMENTS?



If you have any comments, or ideas for a future newsletter, please contact the editor at:

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Vision

Leading the way for nursing informatics in Nova Scotia

Mission

To promote the awareness of, and support for, the advancement of nursing Informatics education and practice in Nova Scotia.

Membership Types:

Active Membership is open to all Registered Nurses and Student Nurses within Nova Scotia. Active membership (Registered Nurses) provides the right to vote on all issues, to hold office within the organization, and to attend all meetings. Associate (Registered Nurses or Student Nurses) membership provides the right to attend meetings and contribute to discussions within the group. Active membership - Current members of the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia, with an interest in Nursing Informatics and who have paid yearly NSNIG membership fees shall be voting members of the association. Membership with NSNIG qualifies you for a reduced membership rate with The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA).

Associate membership - Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office, associate members include Registered Nurses in other provinces, students enrolled in Nursing Education and Licensed Practical Nurse.

Other membership - Interested individuals may apply for membership and their applications will be considered on an individual basis by the Executive. These members will not be eligible to vote or hold office.

The registration fee for Active members is \$20.00 per year. Associate / Other membership is \$10.00 per year.

For further information or to apply for a membership, contact **Mary Eileen MacPhail**, Treasurer

