

MEMBERS' VOICES: September 2020 – February 28, 2024
Speaking out for Health: Speaking out for Nursing

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END 1 - Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.

- Membership ENO election occurred over summer 2024, all positions were filled in September 2024.
- Communications provided through social media account.
- Presentation to 4th year nursing students regarding role of RNAO and membership.

END 2 - RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.

- Neil Stephen, CD, RN, CNP(Q) participated in an interview with Aarjavee Raj from Humber News regarding the, "Toxic Drug Crisis" on July 9th.
- Neil Stephen was a guest speaker on September 23rd in Greater Sudbury for the Northeastern Ontario Canadian Vascular Access Association. Neil presented a one hour talk with a Q&A session on "Vascular Access & Harm Reduction: Improving patient care through relationship building and education.
- Dr. Paul-André Gauthier contributed to, « Sensibilisation aux surdoses : « on perd des personnes qui attendent de l'aide » » with Société Radio-Canada on August 31st for International Overdose Awareness Day.
- Maria Casas, RN wrote a letter to the editor which was published in the Sudbury Star on August 9th, 2024 titled, "Sudbury letter: Ontario nurses support national pharmacare program."

END 3 - RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.

- See previous information mentioned above.
- National Pharmacare.
- Closure of the safe consumption sites, toxic drug crisis.
- Recent survey engaging with Sudbury membership to identify areas of focus for our area. topics include evolving role of the nurse practitioner, infectious diseases, palliative care and MAID, advocating for patient rights.

END 4 - RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system.

- Advocating against closure of safe consumption sites

Meeting details

07/29/2024 – Executive meeting - year end review.

09/17/2024 - Executive meeting executive activity plan for the year, discuss queens park on the road, introduce new ENO.

10/03/2024 - Executive meeting preparing for general meeting at end of October and introducing new executive members

10/24/2024 - General meeting and presentation on Nurse Practitioner practice