

Canadian Nursing Informatics Association



The CNIA Newsblast delivers informatics news from Canada and around the world to our members and subscribers.

It's National Nursing Week!

CNIA wishes you a Happy National International Nurses Day for May 12th and a Happy National Nursing Week. We recognize and support the leadership of all nurses at every level of practice as you strive to improve safety and quality of care, especially during these challenging times.

For the first time ever, the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honour of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, which would have been on May 12th. As per the International Council of Nurses (ICN), the theme this year is **Nurses: A Voice to Lead — Nursing the World to Health**. In honour of this week, CNIA is offering a special offer to new members signing up for membership that includes a [Nursing Informatics Pin](#).

For Nurse Informaticians, this is an especially critical time for us to voice our need for technological improvements across healthcare, from system design to interoperability, to access to patient records across the continuum of care, and communication with healthcare team members and families, within healthcare settings and virtually. Health Information Technologies have the potential to vastly improve safety and quality of care, more so now than ever, and nurses have the vision and capability to lead these necessary advancements. As you can see from the report from the recent survey sent to nurses across Canada (see below), there is still work to be done!

As you work in your various environments, I hope you can take some time to reflect on the contributions you all make every day to improving the lives of so many. The courage, bravery and compassion nurses are showing everywhere is a tribute to our profession. These challenging times have brought to light the imperative work nurses do, as well as the need to improve the healthcare system in which we practice. All in all, I truly believe there is hope for the future of healthcare on many levels, and the opportunity for nurses to be heard and supported in our call for change.

One last thing, please join myself, Peggy White, Tracie Risling and Lynn Nagle on the **#hcldr Twitter Chat at 8:30pm EST tonight** as we imagine what Florence Nightingale would have done with an EHR.

I hope you enjoy this week and the well-deserved accolades and tributes that cross your email and social media platforms.

Take care,
Glynda Rees RN MSN
President, CNIA

CNIA Membership Bonus!

If you sign up for CNIA membership between now and May 31, 2020 - you will receive a Nursing Informatics Pin - designed specifically for CNIA to represent and celebrate nursing informatics in Canada.

Want to refer someone to join CNIA? You will also receive a Pin when the new member identifies who referred them.

[Join CNIA](#)

Are you interested in becoming a CNIA Board Member or know someone who is?

CNIA is actively searching for 2 Co-Treasurers to sit on the Board of Directors. Attached is an Appointment form - please complete and submit to past-president@cnia.ca.

[Call for CNIA Co -Treasurer Appointment.pdf](#)

Digital Health Survey Results Released

Earlier this year, Canada Health Infoway, the Canadian Nurses Association and the Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA) conducted a survey to gather nurses' perspectives on the use of digital health in the provision of care. The results are now available.

[Digital Health Nursing Survey Report - English](#)

[Les Resultants de le Sondage de Santé Numérique - French](#)

HIMSS Technology Informatics Guiding

Education Reform (TIGER) Internship Opportunity

Each year the HIMSS TIGER initiative offers 2 internships to students seeking a healthcare master's degree or doctorate. One US and one international student are selected each year to receive an annual stipend in support of their studies. Applications are being accepted until June 1, 2020.

[TIGER Internship Application](#)

The CNIA AGM will be held on June 25, 2020

This virtual meeting will occur at:

9:00 am PST

12:00 pm EST

1:00 pm AST

Details for the meeting will be coming soon, including videoconference connection instructions.

Have an informatics item of interest to our members or subscribers?
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