

Canadian Nursing Informatics Association



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

Summer is around the corner!

It is hard to believe that we are heading into summer 2021 - for some of us across the country, the COVID battle continues with hospitals continuing to be impacted by the number of patients and the severity of their illness. And nurses, including informatics nurses, continue to support the patients and each other.

Some provinces are still under restrictions, with many services still closed and get-togethers significantly limited.

Wherever you are, we hope that you are well and looking forward to a summer that provides some relief from the challenges of the past year.

CNIA Annual Conference - May 10th to 14th

Nursing Informatics: Integrating Care and Connection in a Digital World

If you joined us for all or any of the virtual conference you know that it was a huge success. The Pre-Conference Workshops hosted a variety of sessions ranging from an Introduction to Nursing Informatics and the current Virtual Care trend, to Artificial Intelligence, Clinical Decision Support and User-Centred Design.

Dr. Elizabeth Borycki opened the conference with a topical view on Nursing Informatics in a Post-COVID World - sponsored by **Cerner**.

Canada Health Infoway led a session that reviewed Virtual Care and presented the results of the 2020 National Nursing Survey.

Concurrent sessions included presentations on digital health solutions supporting Mental Health, COVID, Virtual Care, Sex and Gender Minorities, use of data to improve care, Oncology, Perinatal Care, Provincial EHR initiatives, Nursing Informatics governance.

A Panel discussed their experiences and thoughts related to the conference theme - Integrating Care and Connection.

The virtual conference even included a poster session and networking session - sponsored by **Unbound Medicine**.

And to close the conference, Dr. Lynn Nagle gave her Pandemic Induced Musings on Nursing Informatics - sponsored by **Zebra Technologies**.

If you attended the conference, we hope you enjoyed. Please complete the evaluation so that we can learn what improvements to make before we meet (hopefully in person) next year again.

Thank you to our sponsors:

GOLD: Cerner and Zebra Technologies

SILVER: Canada Health Infoway

BRONZE: Unbound Medicine and the Saskatchewan Nursing Informatics Association

And a big thank you to all that attended and participated. The conference would be nothing without your involvement.

CNIA Annual General Meeting - Virtual

The annual meeting is scheduled for June 24th.

Time and Agenda To Be Determined - an email with details and Zoom link will be sent soon.

CNIA Executive Board Elections

It's that time of year! Time to elect some new Executive Board Members. This summarizes the open positions and candidates:

President-Elect: Barbara Cross

Secretary: Terri Baker is an eligible incumbent and is reoffering for another 2-year term.

Co-Directors of Communication (2 positions):

- Helen Edwards (eligible incumbent, reoffering for another 2-year term)
- Naureen Mukhi
- Petroiya Paterson
- Lisa Totten
- Julie Waspe

Co-Directors of Education (2 positions):

- Ryan Chan
- Dr. Shauna Davies
- Lana Dunlop (eligible incumbent, reoffering for another 2-year term)
- Rebecca Grindon
- Melissa Skirten

Co-Directors of Membership (2 positions):

- Judy Fleming
- Sonia Pagliaroli (eligible incumbent, reoffering for another 2-year term)
- Lynsey Turchet (eligible incumbent, reoffering for another 2-year term)

Co-Directors of Research (2 positions):

Drs. Leanne Currie and Eric Maillet are eligible incumbents and are reoffering for another 2-year term.

Emails to open the voting were sent on May 31, 2021 to all CNIA members. Voting remains open until June 7, 2021. The election results will be announced at the June 24th AGM.

Have your say - cast a vote!



Canada Health Infoway Inforoute Santé du Canada Partnership Series & Conference Séances et Conférence du Partenariat

The Infoway Partnership Series takes place monthly from May to October 2021 followed by the Infoway Partnership Conference on December 1.

Infoway Partnership Series dates:

- May 18: *Health Care Landscape*
- June 15: *Improving Patient/Caregiver Digital Health Literacy*
- July 20: *Partnering for Success*
- August 17: *Improving the Clinician Experience*
- September 21: *Fostering Innovative Digital Health Technologies in Canada*
- October 19: *Safer Prescribing Practices + Medication Management*

Infoway Partnership Conference date:

December 1 – 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET

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