



## The CNIA Strategy

When the CNIA Board met last year to develop the strategy that would take the association into the future, it was important to update the vision and mission to ensure that all members could see themselves in the statements and in the work underway.

### **Vision**

Every nurse, every setting, optimizing informatics and digital health for all.

### **Mission**

Positively impacting health outcomes by advancing nursing informatics leadership.

### **Guiding Principles**

Research, continuous learning, knowledge generation, evidence informed practice and development of new technology and strategies will be the foundations underpinning CNIA's work.

CNIA will continue to demonstrate inclusion, excellence, fairness, accountability and integrity in our work.

CNIA will seek out collaborative opportunities with relevant stakeholders to advance common goals and expertise that will improve health outcomes.

Over 2020 and 2021 COVID-19 challenged many of us and put some of the work on the back burner while we all focused on other priorities in both our professional and personal lives. The Board is now able to refocus and commit our

efforts to make progress on the many goals we have set. This will strengthen us as an association and ensure we give voice to the many nursing informatics issues and opportunities nurses face across Canada.

## Profiling CNIA Board Members



**Terri Baker**  
**CNIA Secretary**

### **How did you start your career in nursing? What first drew you to informatics?**

My clinical career was primarily related to children and families, I spent a number of years working general duty on a pediatric unit before pursuing my neonatal speciality as the site opened its first NICU. I was one of the first clinical resources nurses overseeing both the NICU and the pediatric unit. As we moved into a new building, I had to decide where I would continue my career and chose the pediatric unit as their clinical nurse educator. At the time we were part of a health region with four sites that was being made into a health authority of 12 sites and decisions were coming about how we would align our systems. Our site leader asked me to join a weekly meeting of people who would be implementing the new core clinical information system and represent our sites' interests. She told me since I liked computers, I would be a good fit, and this was in 2002.

### **What was your first role in informatics?**

After a year of learning new acronyms, all about design, system configuration, naming standards etc. I was asked to be part of the implementation and accepted a role as a Clinical Information Specialist. I was part of the group that designed, built, tested, validated, trained, implemented, and evaluated the new system. I stayed through the first three go-lives before returning to my previous role, but within weeks knew it was no longer a good fit for me. I was lucky the person who first hired me in Informatics was keen to have me back and not only had a CIS role for me, but saw in me a future informatics leader and supported me in moving into various roles in the department. My last role with them as a Director

overseeing all of our community, primary care, public health systems and non-core acute systems.

### **What is your current role and what is the focus of the role?**

Today I am the Chief Clinical Information Officer at Fraser Health Authority in BC, in the role for a little over two years and strangely enough have gone back to the beginning, focused on implementing the newest version of our core clinical information system and leveraging it to extend our HIMSS footprint. As a large health authority, we take pride in having a single standardized CIS, but that adds a layer of challenge when making the magnitude of change that we foresee and we are having to be very deliberate in how we move forward. The impact of COVID-19 on our front line clinicians and providers cannot be forgotten and when thinking about a transformative change such as we are planning, we need to recognize and acknowledge where they are at and then be creative to ensure that there is opportunity for them to be engaged around the change and have the opportunity to contribute.

### **What key messages do you have for nurses interested in working in the informatics field?**

Informatics is a dynamic field, constantly evolving and there is no better example than the last 18 months where virtual care has grown by leaps and bounds; and our patient, client, resident and family expectations of it and us have grown as well. The opportunities we have to support nurses' use of technology related to clinical standardization, nursing sensitive outcomes, presenting information to our nurses in a way that focuses on improving quality of care and patient outcomes as well as the clinician and provider experience is remarkable and key to why I chose this field almost 20 years ago.

## **CNIA Webinars**

The recording of November's webinar, ***3 years post-implementation of a Patient Portal at a Pediatric Health Centre: What's next?***, is now available for members to view in the [Members Only](#) section of the website. Please note that you must have an up-to-date membership to access this section of the website.

The next webinar will be held in the new year - details will be shared in the December newsblast.



## Join us for a Festive Meet and Greet!

Want to connect with the CNIA Board/members and others interested in nursing informatics from across Canada?

Then join us on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30pm AST /6:30pm EST/ 5:30pm CST/ 4:30pm MST/ 3:30pm PST for our virtual **Holiday Meet and Greet**. Dress in your favourite festive attire and have your favourite beverage and snack handy.

We are exploring if this new offering, that will consist of sharing, question asking and networking, is of interest.

This first session will be hosted by Lisa Totton and Helen Edwards, Co-Directors for CNIA Communications. Future sessions will be hosted by others from across the country, with varying times to accommodate the different time zones and your working day.

**[Click Here to Register!](#)**

A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants closer to the date. Please note the time the event is occurring in your time zone.

Please share this invitation broadly - all are welcome.

## Membership - Join or Renew

CNIA acts as the voice for Nursing Informatics in Canada. Join or renew your membership and take advantage of the many benefits offered:

- webinars focused on topics of interest to our membership. Recordings of the webinars are made available only to members afterwards
- networking opportunities
- monthly newsblasts containing association updates, board and member profiles, opportunities for informatics education offerings and more
- discounts on annual conference registration fees
- access to the website, including a Members Only section. The website is currently being updated to ensure it contains more and newer resources

- opportunities to become involved in and contribute to the national nursing informatics dialogue
- and more!

If you are already a member, you will receive a reminder email from CNIA to renew. If you are joining as a new member, go to the [CNIA website](#) and join - joining now will provide you with member benefits immediately and through 2022.

Membership Type	Yearly Fee
<b>Regular</b> – Open to any registered nurses, Nurse Practitioners(NPs), registered psychiatric nurse, certified graduate nurse, registered practical nurse and licensed practical nurses in good standing with their provincial or territorial regulatory body.	\$113.00
<b>Jurisdictional</b> – Open to any member in good standing from a jurisdictional nursing informatics association. This subgroup provides members with full voting privileges in all association matters. Individual members may now obtain a discounted membership from their jurisdictional informatics association (in the form of scanned document confirming membership)	\$56.50
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<b>Full Time Student Nurse</b> – students formally registered in a full-time accredited Nursing program	FREE

## Annual Conference 2022!

CNIA is moving forward with a national conference in 2022. Planning is in the early stages. If you are interested in being involved please contact Barb Cross, President Elect at [president-elect@cnia.ca](mailto:president-elect@cnia.ca)

We would also like to include our **CNIA members** in the decision making process with regards to the conference dates. We have created a poll, which members can access using [this link](#). Your input is important and we appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey.



Canada Health Infoway invites you to their Virtual Partnership Series and Conference. There is still time to attend the upcoming conference scheduled for November 29th to December 5th. See the website for more [information and registration](#) details.



The 2021 G7 Health Ministerial meeting reaffirmed their commitment to working towards adopting a standardized minimum dataset through the International Patient Summary (IPS) standard. This commitment led Canada Health Infoway and the CHIEF Executive Forum to explore the international Patient Summary - what it is, what other countries have achieved, and how valuable it might be for Canadians. The results of this work and the discussions that followed are captured in [The Value of the International Patient Summary in Canada](#) - now available for download.



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