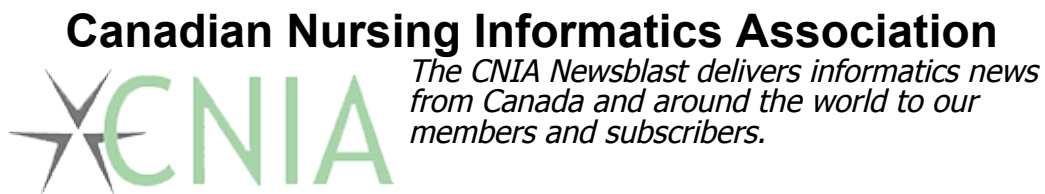


CNIA Newsblast: July 2022 BLAST



Happy Summer!

I hope that you are all enjoying the summer and taking some time away to refresh before fall is upon us again, with all that it brings.

Your CNIA Board is always eager to hear from our membership - your input allows us to make improvements and to provide offerings that matter to you.

Let us know what you think about the monthly newsblasts and if there is anything else that would be helpful for us to include. We are so pleased to add a regular column that will profile our members each month - we will be sharing the template soon and would love to hear from you!

We continue to work on the website (we acknowledge that some sections are not completely up-to-date), but please let us know what would be helpful for us to add to the website.

Social media is high on our list of communication methods and we need your help! Don't hesitate to share CNIA news and events on any social media platform you use - we particularly use Twitter and LinkedIn - so please tweet, retweet, add comments etc!

Our newsblast is short for July - not quite as much going on in the summer months - but we will be back full force over the next couple of months, excited to be offering webinars, networking opportunities and gearing up for our in-person annual conference June 14 - 16, 2023 in Calgary.

Don't hesitate to connect with us any time through the CNIA general email address: communications@cnia.ca.

Enjoy the summer everyone!

Helen Edwards
Communications Co-Director

Member Profile

Earlier this year Nadia Green was awarded one of two **CNIA Awards for Diversifying and Strengthening Nursing Informatics**. She shares her story with us here. Next month we will profile Stéphanie Bumba, the other inaugural winner of the award.



Nadia Green

1. Tell us about your nursing journey so far.

I think I have had a pretty interesting journey so far. I have learned so much from the different programs I have attended in Manitoba, Ontario, and currently Alberta. Not to mention my personal and professional experiences in bedside nursing and research. I have been fortunate enough to experience teaching as a clinical instructor and course instructor, supplemented with multiple opportunities to present at conferences, and provide guest lectures. I have had the opportunity to meet some incredible people over the years, with the privilege to learn from, work with and alongside, as well as getting to know on a personal level, prestigious scholars, some of whom I have maintained close connections. I am thankful for their mentorship and all they have taught me which has allowed me to be successful so far in my career - I owe so much of my success to them.

2. What first got you interested in nursing informatics?

I have always had a keen interest in computers and technology. If I didn't go into nursing I might have ended up in computer science. :)

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However, I was steered in the direction of health informatics back in 2018 when my father passed away. His death was the catalyst for this shift in my nursing career. Despite it being a traumatic time in my life, I felt an obligation to learn about the issues surrounding my father's death, to understand them, and eventually work towards addressing them. Such issues included the barriers that exist for Indigenous People accessing appropriate care in rural and remote communities in Canada; insufficient transfer of important patient information and documentation between units, departments, and care settings; and, the appropriate use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and digital health technologies in patient care. This led me into a health informatics program that further propelled my learning and insights into these issues, and ultimately, the drive to pursue my PhD.

3. Tell us about the work you are doing.

My PhD research is focused around the use of digital health technologies in the care of Indigenous People in rural and remote communities in Canada. I am hoping to share the stories and care experiences of Indigenous People along with their health care providers in a meaningful way that will contribute to meaningful improvements for health service provision and technology use.

4. What does winning the CNIA Award for Diversifying and Strengthening Nursing Informatics mean to you?

I was ecstatic to find out that I was one of the first two to win this inaugural award. I felt a great sense of pride for the work that I am doing, knowing that others see the value that it holds. I think it is important to recognize the range of research and work across Canada that is using health informatics to address adversity in our health care systems, that are ever changing and advancing with the use of technologies.

5. Is there anything else you would like to share about your work or your ideas about nursing informatics?

I am thankful to be a part of the nursing informatics community and to have such wonderful mentors in this area. I also greatly appreciate the opportunities I have been given thus far to explore my ideas among like-minded colleagues. Miigwetch! :)



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