

Network News

For associate and affiliate members and emerging groups

The Network has a new name

Earlier this year, CNA hosted a Name that Network contest for all nurses in Canada, to come up with a new name for our network of 43 national nursing specialty groups. We felt the new name needed to be more reflective of who these nurses are and the important work they accomplish. By the time the contest closed on May 15 we had received 73 suggestions, which we reviewed and narrowed down to a list of four potential names. The network members then voted on the short list, and the winning suggestion (with 31 votes) is: ***Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties***. Susana Styles was its author, winning \$300. Congratulations Susana.

A member of the network wins a CNA Award of Merit

Jocelyn Reimer-Kent, current president of the Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses, has won this year's Award of Merit for Nursing Clinical Practice. Jocelyn's pioneering work has included developing and spreading the innovative, creative and original Reimer-Kent Postoperative Wellness Model that supports rapid surgical recovery (RSR). While this phase is most often managed on a surgical ward or in a patient's home (where the bulk of recovery takes place), it has received little creativity, originality or innovation, and conventional surgical recovery practices can still be the norm. In Jocelyn's focus on improving postoperative care, she has been steadfast in her efforts to make the surgical experience more humanizing and has had great success in bringing normalizing and preventive strategies into the surgical arena. Congratulations Jocelyn!

For more information on the other Merit Award winners and the Jeanne Mance Award winner, [click here](#).

Interested in research: Harkness Fellowships available in health-care policy and practice

The Commonwealth Fund's Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice provide a unique opportunity for mid-career health services researchers and practitioners from Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom to spend up to 12 months in the United States, conducting original research and working with leading U.S. health policy experts. [Check out the brochure](#). The [application](#) deadline for applicants from Canada for 2013–14 is November 19, 2012.

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New report on medical use of cannabis

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) is pleased to announce the release of [Clearing the Smoke on Cannabis: Medical use of Cannabis and Cannabinoids](#) — the fifth and final report that presents an evidence-based review of the medical uses of cannabis and cannabinoids. This report, and further research into the therapeutic effects of cannabinoids, will help physicians and health practitioners make informed decisions about the medical use of these drugs and their potential to treat certain health conditions and symptoms. Visit www.ccsa.ca to access other reports in the series.

In November, let's talk about French-language health care!

La Société Santé en Français will welcome more than 450 people in Ottawa for its 6th *Rendez-vous Santé en Français*, November 21 to 23. Participants will be able to share knowledge and build expertise on French-language health services for Francophones and Acadians living in minority communities. [Registration](#) will start at the end of June.