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.

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