

NURSING NOTES

And the SAGE goes to...

Winners of the Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence (SAGE) for 2012 were announced in May. RNAO members Susan Oates and Maureen Montemuro were among the 60 nominees. Oates, a nurse for more than four decades, was recognized for being a champion of elder care through leadership in policy and program development, education and research at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener. Montemuro, who works at St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences, is a highly regarded mentor to colleagues. Many students credit her for their decision to specialize in geriatrics after working with her. She is also known for never faltering from her philosophy that bedside care should always be guided by the best research evidence.

Susan Oates (centre) receives her award from last year's winner and fellow RNAO member Anne Pizzacalla (right).



Maureen Montemuro proudly displays her award for geriatric excellence.

Three London RNs get president's awards

Three RNAO members were recognized in June with President's Awards from London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC). Susan Collins, a recently retired nurse practitioner in the cancer program, received recognition for her work with patients. Karen Peters, who specializes in hemodialysis, was acknowledged for her leadership and its impact on the organization. And Pat Doyle-Pettypiece, an NP in clinical neurological sciences, was awarded for her work with colleagues. The names of all three nurses have been engraved on a plaque in the President's Gallery at the Victoria and University sites of LHSC.

Registration regulations change at CNO

The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) quietly notified its members – online – of changes to registration regulations that will take effect January 2013. Details are available for review on CNO's homepage (www.cno.org). There are two modifications that are expected to have a

significant impact. New declaration requirements dictate that renewing members must declare they have practised nursing in Ontario within the last three years. If they have not, they must register in the new, non-practising class, or resign. New evidence of practice requirements are also expected of NPs, who must declare they have practised in a clinical capacity within the previous three years. If they have not, they will be issued a general class certificate, and will have to meet specific requirements to return to the extended class. Other changes include: new jurisprudence exam; expanded conduct and character requirements; and new rules affecting dual registrants.

Prestigious CNA Order goes to Toronto researcher

University of Toronto nursing professor and RNAO member Ellen Hodnett was one of five individuals to receive Orders of Merit from the Canadian Nurses Association during its biennial convention in Vancouver in June. Hodnett's work has led to new legislation in

Uruguay and Brazil, and new practice guidelines in Canada, the U.K. and the U.S., focusing on continuous support during childbirth. "We know the nurses honoured tonight are a shining example, for their colleagues and the profession's future generation, to ensure we are the change we want to see in Canada's health-care system," CNA CEO Rachel Bard said. "It is a privilege and a pleasure to present these nurses with well-deserved honours," CNA Immediate Past-President Judith Shamian added. "I also wish to thank them for their dedication to the nursing profession. I do so on behalf of



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Canadians because these women are truly helping improve the health of our nation."

Help for incontinence sufferers

Women who suffer from urinary incontinence can now refer to an RNAO-backed decision aid booklet to learn more about the causes, useful resources, solution options, and to understand the condition in order to make more informed decisions. Reviewed by a group of 25 Ontario-based nurse continence advisors, and women with and without incontinence, the booklet helps sufferers – predominantly women between 40 and 65 – to deal with a sometimes humiliating and often distressing problem that can have a significant effect on their quality of life. Urinary incontinence is a common problem that can arise when a sufferer coughs, laughs, sneezes, or jogs, or when there's not enough time to reach the washroom. To find out more, visit www.RNAO.ca/incontinencedecisionaid. **RN**

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