



Registered Nursing Assistants Committees (CIIAs)

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NEWS FROM THE OIIAQ

– **Contribution to the intravenous therapy**

In recent years, the OIIAQ and the OIIQ had started discussions aimed at authorizing RNAs to contribute to the intravenous therapy. These discussions are now completed and the Bureau of the OIIQ has adopted the *Regulation with regard to certain professional activities that Nursing Assistants can engage in*. When this regulation will be in force, it will authorize RNAs to insert and intravenous catheter from a peripheral site and to administer intravenous solutions without an additive. The regulation project has already been published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on October 3rd, 2007. According to last news, it should be approved before the end of March 2008.

The 21-hour training program that will allow RNAs to perform this new activity is in progress. It should be available in September 2008. You will receive all information pertaining to training registration arrangements timely.

– **Regulation compulsory continuous training for RNAs**

This regulation stipulates that each RNA must undergo 10 hours of continuous training related to the practice of the profession every two years. We invite RNAs to send us now their training certificates for the reference period of April 1st, 2007 to March 31, 2009. Please send them to the OIIAQ Training Department, by fax at 514 282-2279 or by mail to 531, Sherbrooke East, Montreal, QC H2L 1K1. We suggest that all members keep a copy of each training certificate sent to the OIIAQ.

Please find a model of training certificate on the Order website: www.oiaq.org/membre/formation-continue.fr.html.

– **Conferences on prevention of nosocomial infections**

The OIIAQ Training Department has organized for members of all regions a serial of conferences on prevention of nosocomial infections. The conferences schedule is available in section News on the Order website (www.oiaq.org).

For all queries, please call Ms. Nicole Vachon, Agent, Training Department, at 514 282-9511 or 1 800-283-9511, extension 240.

– **Registered Nursing Assistant's Day, May 5, 2008**

This year, Nursing Assistant's Day will have as its theme: **Registered Nursing Assistants... essential partners**. As of last year, the OIIAQ Professional Relations Department Manager will send application forms for financial assistance to every CIIA President in each health network institution and, in the case of private centres, to the person responsible for May 5th activities. Promotional material will be sent at the beginning of April 2008.

– **CIIA Conference**

On June 4, 2008, the OIIAQ will hold its second CIIA conference at Château Mont Ste-Anne in Beaufort, in the Capitale-Nationale region. The theme of the event will be: *Improve the quality of professional practice*. The registration form was sent to all members in January. You will also find it on our Internet site.

– **OIIAQ Convention 2008**

The OIIAQ Convention will be held on June 4-5, 2008 at Château Mont Ste-Anne in Beaufort. Those RNAs who attend the OIIAQ Convention will have 4.5 training hours recognized in accordance with the Regulation on *Registered Nursing Assistants compulsory continuous training program*. Registration fees are \$125. They include lunch, cocktail, dinner and show, as well as breakfast on June 6.



– Annual General Meeting

The next OIIAQ Annual General Meeting will be held on June 6, 2008, in Beaupré. The notice of meeting and AGM agenda will be published in the Spring issue of *Santé Québec*.

– Professional and Technical Training Olympiads

The 10th edition of the Professional and Technical Training Olympiads will be held at *Centre des Foires* in Quebec City from April 23-26, 2008. This biennial event allows future graduates of professional training centres and colleges to compete in their respective professional discipline. Presented as a type of Olympic games of trades and professions, this event will be held before an audience. The OIIAQ is proud to be part of this organization as an official sponsor for the SASI (*Santé, assistance et soins infirmiers*) Program Competition.

NEWS FROM THE MSSS

– Quebec Electronic Health Record (EHR)

On December 18, 2007, the Health Minister Philippe Couillard presented *Bill 70* before the *Assemblée nationale du Québec*. Bill 70 moves to introduce the principle of granting prior consent in order to retain personal information included in the Health Record for all health services users within Québec. This consent naturally includes the right to refuse.

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) will make the healthcare system process easier for all citizens. The information that health professionals need in order to provide accurate healthcare services will be more available whenever and wherever it is needed. The EHR is an electronic tool that allows Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses and Registered Nursing Assistants access to certain clinical information required to monitor and treat patients.

As soon as an order in council is issued to that effect, a pilot project will be implemented in one Quebec City neighbourhood. At the end of the approximate 6-month period, the pilot project should allow the process of the EHR and its administration to be checked and to make changes if needed before its implementation in all Québec regions. For more information, please consult the MSSS website at: www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/reseau/dossier-sante.

NEWS FROM THE CIIA

– Beware of using self-injectors, such as Epipen or Twinject (epinephrine)

As a result of an event that occurred in their institution, the Registered Nursing Assistants Committee of the Health and Social Services Centre of Trois-Rivières has asked the OIIAQ to place a warning notice in one of its publications concerning the use of self-injectors, such as Epipen or Twinject (epinephrine). One of the institution's employees, affected with allergies, asked one of her colleagues to treat her with Epipen while she was suffering from significant respiratory problems. The colleague injected Epipen in the employee's thigh. After that, she unfortunately inverted the position of the needle and injected the vial's content into her own thumb.

One warning notice included in the *Compendium des produits spécialisés* reads: "The accidental injection of this substance into the hand or the foot might cause a loss of blood circulation in that part of the body, and should be avoided. In the case of accidental injection, please go to the closest hospital emergency department in order to be treated. Epinephrine should be injected only into the thigh. It is important that you do everything possible to avoid the possibility of an accidental intravascular injection by choosing to inject the substance into a suitable area, such as the thigh or the deltoid muscle. Do not inject it into a buttock." (Translated by the OIIAQ.)

– Reminder - Updating the composition of your CIIA

It is important to send us any update concerning the composition of your Registered Nursing Assistants Committee (CIIA). Please send all details to Ms. Nathalie Beaulieu, Secretary, Professional Relations Department, either by mail at the Order address, by fax at 514 282-0693, or by E-mail at: nathaliebeaulieu@oiiq.org. For updating the information about your CIIA composition, you can also find a form on our Web site at www.oiiq.org/membre/repertoire-ciia.fr.html.

