

**Occupational Health Nurses Interest Group OHNIG**

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**1. END: Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization**

OHNIG sent out to all their RNs and nursing students' members

1. Request to read the open letter posted on the web site describing the many benefits to being an RNAO and OHNIG member ... [click here](#)
2. E blast sent "Planning for the Future" based on membership surveys and the executive findings from the previous year that asked the public "what work do nurses do and where do they work" only to find very limited knowledge that the public knew that nurses worked as Occupational Health nurses in the workplace. This year's new strategy targets awareness of RNs knowing each other's nursing services and awareness of the general public these RN service exist.

On November 7, 2013 the OHNIG exhibit table, featuring the new OHNIG exhibit table posters and banners was very popular with the UOIT Student's Open House for RNAO Interest Groups. Students asked very direct questions on how to become an Occupational health Nurse.

**2. END: RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.**

OHNIG upgraded the OHNIG web site with a host of research and resource information that reflects what Occupational Health Nurses do!

OHNIG new marketing image promotes Occupational Health Nurses as "*change agents*" protecting, promoting and preventing workplace illness and injury

**New! OHNIG Marketing Image - Occupational Health Nurses - the Missing Link. ... [more](#)**



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**OHNIG END** - educate the public community, the politicians, government stakeholders and colleagues to the value added services that Occupational Health Nurses provide.

Familiarize yourself with the wealth of information on the [OHNIG website](#)

**Professional Practice** "write your own" nursing practice profile [...click here](#)

Promotion of Occupational Health Nurse Professional Profile and Scope Practice [click here to read the Occupational Health Nurses profile](#)

Promotion Occupational Health Nurses as a specialized nursing career. RNAO - *Careers in Nursing! A World of Opportunity!*" [click here to read](#)

**Research** Prevention Strategies MOL Survey – OHNIG Stakeholder Reply [click here](#)

**Education** Basic Occupational Health Services – Structure, Content and Objectives [... click here](#)

**Policy and Practice** Defining the difference Primary Health Care vs. Primary Care [... click here](#)

**Member Services** RNAO / OHNIG Membership Benefits and Insurance [... open letter](#)

**3. END: RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.**

The National Canadian Occupational Health Nurse Organization COHNA invited the OHNIG to become the Ontario group within COHNA. At the OHNIG AGM Nov the proposal was tabled and accepted OHNIG AGM November 23, 2013 [... click here](#)

The Ministry of Labor Prevention Officer released their MOL five year Prevention Plan for Workplace Health and Safety Dec 2013.

OHNIG's is surveying members and public stakeholder for ways to enhance our specialized nursing scope of practice value added services in health and safety of workers.

**OHNIG END** - partnership with MOL and Occupational Health Nurses in the five year plan

OHNIG AGM 2014 strategic plan for next year is to focus on colleague and public awareness.

- Monthly meet ups with members including virtual capabilities
- Survey the members for their needs to create pertinent monthly topics at meetings.

**4. END: RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system.**

**MEMBERS' VOICES: SEPT 2013 – JANUARY 2014**  
**Speaking Out for Nursing: Speaking Out for Health**

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All Occupational Health Nurses are asked to join a growing number of nurses with specialty practices that impact community health of people where they live, work and play!

From the Declaration of Alma-Ata Health Organization, 1978 ... [click here](#)

OHNIG website features ***A Nursing Call to Action***, a report from the CNA's National Expert Commission that suggests a fundamental shift in how health and health care is funded, managed and delivered in Canada. Read [the report](#) now. See below excerpt (page 25)

*We are more inclined to agree with Canadians who called for the roles of health professionals (including nurses, midwives, pharmacists and paramedics) to be expanded, to make better use of their abilities and make the system more efficient, and with those who spoke of the need to promote multi-disciplinary, team-based care to make better use of the resources we have. Suggestions for how nurses could contribute to better care included extending the ability of registered nurses to prescribe medication, and making more use of nurse practitioners and registered nurses in primary, community, long-term and acute care.*

Occupational Health Nurse members need to tell the communities how for hundreds of years i.e. since the Crimean War, the nurse in the workplace has provided specialized professional nursing health care, that is easily accessible, with early intervention to treat a host of primary health care issues and safety risks to workers in the work place, including helping workers family members. Occupational health Nurses have decades of experience in prevention, early treatment and early resolution! The Canadian Occupational Health Nurse Certification COHN(C) is the oldest nursing certification [1984].

Occupational Health Nurses can you hear opportunity knocking at the door? ... [Click here](#)