

**MEMBERS' VOICES: May 2014 - August 2014**  
**Speaking out for Nursing: Speaking out for Health**

***Occupational Health Nurse Interest Group (OHNIG)***

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

**OHNIG prepared a survey of members to collect information for a submission to MOL!**

**"What Occupational Health Nurses Do Best? – Prevention"**

OHNIG members are asked to complete a survey to share their pro-active Prevention Strategies that work! OHNIG goal is to enlighten others to the Occupational Health Nurse prevention capabilities that protect workers from injury and illness in the workplace.

This is a chance to speak up on our Occupational health Nurses expertise! From the member's submissions, OHNIG will prepare a discussion paper for the MOL Prevention Officer "Prevention Strategies that Work."

**Goal is to Substantiate Prevention is Cheaper than the Cure!**

OHNIG had another opportunity to write about their nursing care for workers. OHNIG received an invitation from a local News Publication to write articles to highlight Occupational Health Nurses during the National Nursing Week Celebration **May 2014**.

Go to our OHNIG website to read the news articles reflecting registered nurses working in a modernized health care system

**"Nurses: A Force for Change - A Vital Resource for Health!" ... [click here](#)**

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

OHNIG attended in May an Occupational Health Nurse Group presentation on Professional Liability Protection. The presenter highlighted the significant ways that a practicing Occupational Health Nurse would need professional liability protection.

The host provides any Registered Nurse a single all inclusive professional liability protection policy in the individual nurses name. The PLP policy in the registered nurse's name more than meets the criteria for professional Liability Protection established by the MOH earlier this year.

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

The Ministry of Labor MOL newly created Prevention Officer requested from Ontario stakeholders' submissions and comments as part of a public consultation process to solicit views for a discussion paper on "An Integrated Occupational Health and Safety Strategy for Ontario"

OHNIG in agreement with RNAO, made a submission to MOL - Prevention Officer May 16, 2013.

OHNIG, as a stakeholder, completed the MOL survey of several questions that expressed their views on Workplace Prevention Strategies.

Any OHNIG member may request a copy of the OHNIG submission to MOL - Prevention Officer. Contact [admin@ohnig.ca](mailto:admin@ohnig.ca)

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

**OHNIG has a "New Marketing Image"**

Why does OHNIG need an image? OHNIG participated in several public events, met with colleagues at conferences and had "Meet Ups "with local politicians.

The contacts with the public community indicates very limited knowledge or understanding of the value added nursing services Occupational Health Nurses perform to protect the worker's health in the workplaces. ***Click here to view zoomed image!***