

# President's message

The season of spring brings new transformations of many kinds. As the temperature across our nation warms up and we shake off the winter blues and Mother Nature's last few months of freezing surroundings, our lives, as well as our surroundings are fresh and new. Spring is a time of new beginnings and we need to adapt to the changes in the environment, as well as in ourselves. What better impetus to change than spring.

As you have read in previous editions of our *Canadian Journal of Emergency Nursing (CJEN)*, NENA must comply with new regulations under the Federal Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. Your NENA Board is adapting to the change of seasons and the change in requirements for professional groups with a major change in our structure and dramatic change in our direction. We are very confident that creating positive outcomes will freshen and renew our organization.

Your Board spent an entire day with a facilitator prior to our fall Board meeting in Ottawa, learning how to renew and create a progressive direction for NENA and its members. Following this session, we felt a new sense of purpose. We have developed a strategy in the months since then, and we will present it to you fully at the conference in Toronto and on the new website.

So, how are we demonstrating this new direction? Our first proposal is to change

our name, National Emergency Nurses' Affiliation to National Emergency Nurses Association. Our intent with this change is to reflect a sense of unity and to communicate that we are not merely 10 separate affiliate groups, but ONE group—strong and purposeful, working together to create both standards and positive outcomes for emergency nurses.

Secondly, the Board has been convinced for some time that our organization needs a better way of communicating so that emergency nurses know what is happening across Canada. Patches to the old website, though many, have been inadequate. To that end we will be launching a new website on a new platform. We are optimistic that this will improve the ability of our members to acquire information and share ideas. Watch for its launch at the NENA conference.

Thirdly, the Board of Directors has been revising position statements, policies, and standards to reflect existing evidence-based practice. Many of you know that revisions are made biennially, but we are committed to revising all documents this spring and remaining current with Canadian standards and global research.

Finally, in moving towards the Federal Government's mandates for professional organizations such as ours, we have been redeveloping our bylaws. The bylaws' changes will align NENA with current recommended governance structure to

promote transparency and streamline operation of not-for-profit groups. You will see the summation of our work when the new website becomes active and the new bylaws are presented for your vote.

We believe this collection of proposed changes and updates will better support and define our practice as emergency nurses. In clarifying our positions and consolidating our efforts more effectively, I am confident we will ultimately provide benefit to all emergency nurses and to our patients, as well.

Emergency nurses are open, creative, and innovative. We are not content to drift with the status quo. It is my belief that there is none better to consider how NENA should move forward than the membership.

As NENA members, you can ask, "How can I make a difference?" The answer is clear. Our members set the tone of this association; you make or break our team. It is your attitude that helps set the direction of our profession. So, SPRING into action, help us to help you, it's your choice.

See you all in Toronto April 27–29, 2014, at the NENA National Conference/Pan-American Conference "Connected by Caring Across the Americas".



**Janet Calnan,**  
**NENA President**

# Communication Officer's message

A team of website developers has been working since mid-November to completely redesign the appearance and function of the NENA website using cutting-edge technology. This team has taken all of the ideas and concerns of the membership and the board, and tried to incorporate our suggestions into an attractive and highly functional web presence for NENA. Some of the features members requested include: more intuitive search ability, streamlined organization to facilitate searches for contacts, course information, affiliate information, archived information and journals, position statements and other documents, working links to social media, and more functional registration/renewal and password reset processes.

Initially it was expected that current information and aspects of current design could be imported from the existing site, but that has proven impossible and designers are building from the ground up. This means that all members will have to enter the website at least once to re-enter their membership information and set a new password.

The NENA board will do extensive testing of the website to catch any details that may have been missed. The technical team will be immediately available to correct or add to the design if we find omissions or errors somewhere between planning and execution. Special thanks are due to NENA's Janet Calnan and Sharron Lyons

and to Tim Feher of Mission to Vision Communications and his team for hours of work on this project. An April launch date is anticipated.

When I was first elected as communication officer, I had two goals: to build on the work of Val Eden, Colleen Brayman, and Pappin Communications to produce a quality print journal, and to make the website something of which we can be proud. I am looking forward to formally announcing completion of the new website at the AGM in Toronto.



**Stephanie Carlson,**  
**NENA Communication Officer**

# Treasurer's report

What a learning curve the last few months have been as the incoming treasurer. I have been busy becoming familiar with how things work in NENA, as well as acquiring a new accounting language. This role is a work in progress, as there is always

something new to learn. As I become more familiar with this role in the future, I will have a more detailed report.

In my life outside of NENA, I work full-time hours in a casual position, and I enjoy spending my free time with my husband and our two daughters. I hope

to see you in Toronto at the conference. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [treasurer@nena.ca](mailto:treasurer@nena.ca) and I will do my best to respond. ☒

Sincerely,  
**Jane Daigle**  
NENA Treasurer

## NENA AT WORK

# Children and the dangers of miniature detergent packs

By Sharron Lyons, BC

I was working in the urgent care area of our emergency department when a parent presented with a three-year-old child who had blistering to his upper chest area and the fingers of one hand. The parents stated they did not know of any burns. However, earlier that day the child was in the laundry room playing with a detergent pack, when he put it in his mouth and bit it. The mom had wiped his chin and hand, but did not flush the areas or remove his

shirt. She noticed the blisters a couple of hours later. The child was diagnosed with several small second-degree burns to his upper chest and two fingertips. Both parents were very upset they had failed to realize how dangerous these new detergent packs can be.

These dishwasher or laundry packets are small, brightly coloured and squishy, which makes them very attractive to children. The ingredients include powerful

cleaning agents and may cause harmful health effects if ingested or left on the skin.

Consumers who use the miniature detergent packs should store them on a high shelf or in a locked cabinet or drawer. If a child does break or ingest one, flush the area immediately and call Poison Control for further advice.

Health Canada is aware of these types of incidents and has issued a warning to consumers and parents. ☒

## Bouquets

• Sharron Lyons has been appointed to be the Chairperson for the National Emergency Nurses' Affiliation (NENA) National Conference for 2015. Sharron was selected based on her long history as an emergency nurse and an active member with considerable experience in conference planning. Joining Sharron are these members who have expressed an interest in helping bring about yet another fantastic national conference.

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Thank you to this great team, we look forward to hearing from all of you.

### • The following nurses won awards and bursaries in 2013

Lori Quinn – British Columbia

Andree Lineker – British Columbia

NENA Newfoundland

Sherry Uribe – British Columbia

• Did you know that NENA gives lifetime memberships to nurses whose lives characterize exemplary emergency nursing and service to NENA and all emergency nurses? The following nurses are our honorary lifetime members.

Tania Agnot Johnston – Manitoba

Jerry Bell – Saskatchewan

Ann Casey – Newfoundland

Anne Cessford – British Columbia

Val Eden – Nova Scotia

Karen Johnson – Ontario

Karen Latosek – Alberta

Linda McCracken – Alberta

Carole Rush – Alberta

Louise LeBlanc – Ontario

Gina Dingwall – British Columbia

Betty-Lou Kindlemann – Alberta

Lorraine Wuori – British Columbia

Donna Rae – Saskatchewan

Sandra Easton – Ontario

Bonita Bates – Ontario

Patricia Kasproy – Ontario

**Congratulations to each of you.**

# News from the provinces

## BC report

We have 160 paid members. We are continuing to try to attract more nurses to join our national organization.

Two web-based education sessions have been offered in our efforts to make education more accessible. BCIT sponsored our fall session with faculty discussing “New nurse transition into the emergency department”. This was followed by Dr. Noah Alexander reviewing “Targeted temperature management post cardiac arrest”. We are very excited to continue partnering with organizations to offer free sessions for emergency nurses. Dr. Alexander’s presentation can be viewed at <http://bcpsqc.ca/blog/knowledge/nena-targeted-temperature-management/> by any nurse in Canada, courtesy of the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council.

H1N1 has arrived in BC just as predicted, and continues to cause stress in many hospitals. Many care facilities continue to experience norovirus outbreaks that result in stressors again for emergency departments and inpatient units.

Our provincial ambulance service is ready to launch a new electronic health record throughout the province and we are anxious to have it up and running for a smooth and clear handover with our colleagues.

Our province lost a valuable member of our emergency community when Tim Jones passed away unexpectedly on January 19, 2014. He was recognized provincially and nationally for his work with search and rescue and as a paramedic. The response from the local community and provincial and national leaders speaks to his influence in his field. Remember to thank and acknowledge your colleagues before the unspeakable happens and it is too late.



**Submitted by**  
**Sherry Stackhouse,**  
**President ENABC**

## Alberta report

Happy 2014 from the flu capital of Canada! No laughing matter as the ERs of our province struggle with the multitude of patients with the flu or “flu-like” symptoms. The struggle throughout our province continues to be to give our patients the best care possible in conditions over which we have little control. Isolating multiple patients in our departments is virtually impossible and we look for creative solutions to these dilemmas. Please forward any suggestions you have found useful in your province’s facilities.

NENA-AB has had an increase of membership numbers from 138 in July 2012 to approximately 240, an increase that we are very pleased about. We continue to strive not only to increase our membership, but also to keep those who do join by maintaining their interest and involvement. In a province with more than 3,000 emergency nurses, we feel this is a priority goal for our group.

In September, we held our AGM in conjunction with a “free” for members education day. We had an attendance of 30, which I found to be disappointing, so we are now faced with how to increase attendance to our functions. The education topics all received very positive evaluations. Our AGM was successful in that we have secured a new secretary, treasurer and a president-elect who will assume the president position in July 2014. We also have had five volunteers to be “members-at-large”. These members are from around the province, both in rural and urban settings, so they can be our eyes and ears to help us truly reflect the wishes of our entire provincial membership.

At the AGM we also introduced our revised constitution and bylaws that reflect our name change from ENIG to NENA-AB, as well as the welcoming of LPNs to join our group, with stipulation that they may not hold office.

Our newsletter is being sent out electronically to our members and a copy by post to each hospital in Alberta with emergency services. We are proud of this

publication and continue to encourage submissions from our members.

We have given away two registrations with airfare to the NENA conference in April 2014, and we hope that this entices emergency nurses to join and reap the benefits of membership. One was given out at the AGM and one was raffled off at the Edmonton and area ER Nurses Night held on October 9. So far, there seems to be quite a number of Alberta nurses who are planning to attend in Toronto. There were more than 20 members who attended in Vancouver, so I am hopeful for a good turnout from our province. We are also excited with the initial planning for the 2015 NENA conference here in Edmonton.

Our goal of promoting the specialty of emergency nursing continues to be a challenge in light of the fact that our province seems to be set on the “de-skilling” of health care providers. This said, Alberta emergency nurses continue to rise to the challenges we face, giving our patients and their families the best care that we can.

TNCC, ENPC and CTAS courses throughout Alberta are ongoing and continue to have good attendance.



**Submitted by**  
**Pat Mercer-Deadman,**  
**RN, ENC(C)**  
**President NENA-AB**

## Manitoba report

Manitoba is an active part of NENA once again! The current board is looking forward to revitalizing EDNA and recruiting new members. We currently remain at 57 members.

Manitoba emergency nurses are awaiting the completion of the Sinclair Inquest, which will bring recommendations that will impact all of the ERs in the province. The inquest is due to wrap up in the spring. Our thoughts are with the ER nurses who have had to take the stand to testify. Another inquest is due to start in Manitoba shortly after the completion of the Sinclair Inquest. The media regularly

publishes information about the ongoing inquest or about the current state of the ERs.

Recently, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority published the system targets relating to flow in emergency departments within the WRHA. The targets were for patients to receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time. The 2015 goals for WRHA emergency departments, as established by the board of directors are as follows:

- Treat and discharge 90 per cent of non-admitted emergency room patients within four hours
- Find a bed for 90 per cent of the emergency room patients who have been admitted to hospital within eight hours
- No patient, admitted to hospital or not, is to sit in an emergency department longer than 24 hours
- All ambulances are able to unload patients at hospitals within 60 minutes
- Ensure the number of non-emergency patients attending hospital emergency rooms does not exceed 20 per cent.

These targets will surely have great impact on how we do business in the ERs within the WRHA. All ERs are challenged to do more with less and to constantly be working “smarter”.

Our challenges across the province are not unlike other provinces across Canada—overcrowding, ambulance offloads, lack of resources, lack of staff and physicians, and in the north and remote areas of the province, timely access to care. Much of Manitoba is still recovering from the impact of reducing the number of Regional Health Authorities from 11 to five RHAs 18 months ago. This restructured health care in our province dramatically.

The Manitoba premier has recently appointed a new Minister of Health, the Honourable Erin Selby. The “changing of the guard” inevitably brings new ideas and recommendations for the provincial health care system. These are challenging times for the emergency departments in the WRHA facing several inquests.

Emergency nurses are resilient! Despite the challenges of the ED environment,

we continue to educate ourselves. TNCC is offered widely across the province with courses being run in some of the most remote areas. Despite the limited number of ENPC instructors in our province, four courses were run last year of the new 4th Edition. CTAS is also ongoing in all areas of Manitoba. The Advanced Emergency Nursing Course continues to be offered once a year to all ER nurses in the province whose level of experience is at a triage level. The WRHA Regional Emergency Program emergency orientation is also accessible to all provincial RHAs to educate new staff.

We are looking forward to spring in Manitoba, when the bitter cold has ended and the snow melts. With spring comes hope of new beginnings.

Looking forward to NENA's 2014 Pan-American Conference hosted by our neighbours to the east!



**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Marie Grandmont,**  
**RN, BN, ENC(C)**  
**MB Provincial**  
**Director**

### Newfoundland and Labrador report

**Membership:** 50 members registered with 11 pending renewal.

**Current events:** A spring Provincial Conference has been slow moving and planning to get the nurses that spoke of the conference to become re-engaged. Awaiting a response, but will seek other interested parties within the next month to try to set a date in 2014! (Please respond if you want input.)

**Janeway Hospital Paediatric Conference:** Held in October 2013, was a huge success and will be hosted again in 2014 by the organizing committee in St. John's, NL. Congratulations to Jackie Connolly, BN, and committee.

**Team Broken Earth:** Dr. Andrew Furey and his highly motivated team of emergency staff continue to make relief missions to Haiti. (Please support: [www.brokenearth.ca](http://www.brokenearth.ca), Twitter: [@TeamBrokenEarth](https://twitter.com/TeamBrokenEarth).)

**Courses:** TNCC and CTAS continue to be delivered regularly. ENPC was introduced to the province in the fall of 2013 for the first time and will continue roll-out this spring. This course has gained momentum and other regions are looking to expand this course into their education requirements to work in the emergency department environment.

**Challenges:** The delivery of emergency medicine has undergone many changes as far as implementation and delivery, as they implement the Ottawa Model. This has been a very huge learning curve, but the outcomes are slowly becoming positive.

There is a great deal of uncertainty politically as to what will happen in the near future, as the province is currently addressing the resignation of the premier.

**Executive:** We would like to thank Cathy Fewer, RN, for her years of service to NENA Newfoundland and Labrador, as she steps down as treasurer and past president of our association. We would also like to welcome Vikki Bennett, BSN, RN, Clinical Educator of WMH Emergency, as she assumes the role of treasurer in the interim. We will be looking for expressions of interest for a new executive soon that we hope to coordinate with our next conference and AGM.

**Framework:** Undergoing changes in the organization as we keep in compliance with Canada Corporations Act for Not For Profit Groups. This is a national standard that may require some provincial changes going forward. Eagerly looking forward to the **new and improved website!**



**Submitted by**  
**Todd Warren**

### Nova Scotia report

Hello NENA members. It has been a quiet winter for NSENA. Membership has been steady with approximately 80 members. Work continues across the province, as the December 2014 deadline for implementing the provincial Standards for Emergency Care draws near. This initiative has produced great collaboration between health districts, as

we work at developing standardized policies and initiatives across the province. TNCC and ENPC courses have been occurring frequently, as ED staff across Nova Scotia strive to meet the education standards. Overcrowding and staffing issues continue to challenge many of our emergency departments.

As April approaches we are really looking forward to NENA's annual conference in Toronto, "Connected by Caring Across the Americas". It promises to be an exciting event and we look forward to meeting other emergency nurses from across Canada and the Americas. A big thank you to the organizing committee for the hard work they have done and will continue to do throughout the conference.



**Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Tipert, RN,  
ENC(C)  
NS Provincial Director**

### Ontario report

The Emergency Nurses Association of Ontario (ENAO) wishes all of our NENA friends and emergency nursing colleagues across Canada, a very safe and healthy New Year with only good things for all throughout 2014. Ontario continues to "enjoy" an old fashioned Canadian winter of ice, wind and snow.

Ontario course directors are now busy scheduling ENPC, TNCC and CTAS courses for the near future, following the holiday education hiatus. ENAO continues to facilitate a connection between our provincial colleagues and these valuable courses they are seeking. Brenda Lambert, Ontario's NCAC representative is constantly busy, ensuring that our emergency nurses are able to meet their individual learning needs. Thank you, Brenda!

Ontario is honoured to be hosting the NENA 2014 Pan-American Conference:

"CONNECTED BY CARING ACROSS THE AMERICAS" in Toronto on April 27–29, 2014. We believe that we covered the broad scope of emergency nursing of today, with an incredible variety of topics, speakers, presentations, posters, research and exhibitors. Our social events and pre-conference workshop round out this incredible educational opportunity.

Plan to join your emergency nursing colleagues from North, Central and South America, while you relax, learn, play, network and socialize at this unique NENA conference. Hurry to take advantage of the special hotel conference room rate. Hope to see YOU in Toronto in April! ☒



**Janice L. Spivey  
ENAO President**

## NENA AT WORK

# International Exchange Program ends

In September 2012, NENA, Inc. and Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Foundation entered into a collaborative relationship to pilot an International Exchange Program between the U.S. and Canada. The nurse from each country would host their colleague for one week in a "shadowing only" position. The exchange program

offered emergency nurses the opportunity to experience and share nursing practice, education, research and cultural differences.

In 2013, the Canadian applicant presented the required documents and was ready to leave on her adventure. However, several roadblocks arose, making the exchange unachievable.

NENA Inc. would like to thank the ENA Foundation for everything they did to try to move the exchange forward and sincerely thank them for the offer of an ENA Conference registration for the Canadian participant. Karen Winkel attended the ENA Conference. ☒

## My experiences at the 2013 Emergency Nurses Association Conference

In September, I received the opportunity to attend the ENA Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference consisted of three days of emergency nursing-focused educational sessions, with optional entertainment events in the evening. There was also a large exhibit hall showcasing new products, as well as employment opportunities for nurses. The conference was located in the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, which was a fantastic venue in the heart of Nashville.

I found the conference very informative and relevant to my daily nursing practice as a registered nurse at the University of Alberta Hospital Emergency Department.

Throughout each day of the conference there were breakout sessions with various topics to choose from, allowing nurses to attend the topics that interested them most. I attended sessions on blood transfusions during traumas, pediatric shock management, sickle cell disease, and many other nursing topics.

I found the conference a great opportunity to connect with and learn from other emergency nurses from all over the continent. I left the conference feeling excited and energized about my career and profession as an emergency nurse.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to attend such an outstanding conference. It was a great experience that I will always remember, and I look forward to attending again in the future! ☒

**Karen Winkel, BScN, RN**


# NENA makes governance and bylaw changes to comply with federal Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and to enhance organizational development

The Board of Directors met in November 2013 to discuss changes to NENA's governance structure required by federal legislation. A subsequent board meeting approved a number of principles to bring NENA into compliance with the new federal act governing how non-profit organizations are governed, managed and accountable to their members.

In particular, the new legislation does not permit ex-officio appointments to non-profit boards of directors. The legislation requires that individuals and their commitment and skills (and not their positions or affiliations) be the determining factor for their successful election to a non-profit board of directors. The legislation also requires more transparency and accountability from boards regarding how they conduct business and are accountable to their members.

NENA also used the required bylaw revision exercise to evaluate the efficiency of its policy governance, the effectiveness of its business management structure, and its development vision for the future.

One of the key visions developed during the board exercise was that NENA will strive to provide health sector leadership, training support, policy advocacy, and membership growth to position NENA as the "gold standard" in Canadian emergency nursing. This vision will require significant growth within NENA and a continued dedication to becoming the national leader.

With the assistance of a non-profit management consultant, the board is currently preparing the specific bylaw revisions. Before its conference and annual meeting in April 2014, NENA will advise all members of these proposals and seek ratification of the new bylaws by its membership. 

## NENA AT WORK

# Remembrance Day in Ottawa

NENA board members join in Remembrance Day recognition of the lives sacrificed for our country at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, part of the National War Memorial in Ottawa.



# National Course Administration Committee (NCAC) TNCC/ENPC/CATN/CTAS Updates: Spring 2014

By Margaret Dymond, NCAC Chair

## TNCC 7th Edition course rollout in Canada

The January 2014 edition of Course Bytes (ENA course newsletter) has published timelines and important information regarding the TNCC instructor update process. All timelines are pertinent to Canadian instructors except for a few minor revisions. ALL Canadian TNCC instructors should complete the update process by September 1, 2014. TNCC courses in Canada must be in the 7th edition program as of September 1, 2014.

### Timelines

- TNCC 7th edition manuals (if paid for) will be available to ship effective February 3, 2014
- Current 6th edition instructors will gain access to the 7th edition update materials and update exam, online starting Feb 24, 2014
- Updated 7th edition instructors can purchase the 7th edition instructor supplement as of Feb 24, 2014
- TNCC 7th edition courses can be held by updated instructors as of Feb 24, 2014
- TNCC 6th edition courses can continue until Aug 31, 2014
- All current edition TNCC instructors must successfully pass the TNCC 7th edition instructor update by September 1, 2014.

### Other information

- Canadian instructors should approach their respective employers for funding the 7th edition provider manuals and instructor supplements
- If you are a current 4th edition ENPC instructor, this TNCC instructor update process is similar to the 4th edition ENPC rollout in 2012
- Instructors should spend time reading the TNCC 7th edition manual before going online to do the modules and exam. The online modules will highlight the changes to the course. You are required to complete all online modules
- The exam is timed: you will have two hours to complete the exam. You will

receive immediate feedback on any questions answered incorrectly. Pass mark is 80%. If you not achieve the 80% pass mark on the first attempt, you will have one more opportunity.

### Information for course directors:

- Once TNCC course directors are updated, they will get access to the course forms, slides, and exams online on the ENA website.

### Course directors for ENPC/TNCC

- A revised form for the fee structure is available on request. Please email [ncac@nena.ca](mailto:ncac@nena.ca) for your updated information. This information cannot be published on the NENA website
- A course director mentoring form is available with the course forms and is to be completed when current course directors mentor new course directors.

### Course paperwork

- Please follow the post course checklist for required paperwork to be sent to ENA. The final course roster needs to reflect the order the instructors are listed on the course evaluations to properly reflect the instructor evaluations
- The exam scantron forms were updated two years ago. ENA has requested that only the up-to-date forms are used. The form number should be 103516-11. Please discard older versions of the scantrons
- The only forms sent to the NENA treasurer is Form C and NENA fees. Do not send any other paperwork to NENA.

NCAC encourages course directors to keep a copy of all course documentation.

NENA has a new treasurer. All NENA fees are to be sent to:

**NENA Treasurer**  
**National Emergency Nurses Affiliation**  
**P.O. Box 365**  
**Chilliwack, BC V2P 6J4**

### Course applications and approvals

- Once course applications are received, ENA approves the course by checking

that the course director and instructors have met the requirements for teaching. This means the instructors must teach once every 18 months and have satisfactory instructor evaluations

- NCAC reps receive a list of approved courses in Canada on a weekly basis. NCAC reps will check that all course directors are NENA members. NCAC reps do not receive a list of instructors listed by the course directors. **Course directors must ensure their instructors are NENA members**
- Re-verification courses for ENPC 4th edition and TNCC 7th edition no longer exist. Course participants may challenge the course. This is a decision that the course director will make for these respective courses.

### NENA membership required for all TNCC/ENPC/CTAS instructors

All instructors must have current NENA membership in order to teach courses. Instructors can go to the NENA website to renew. If your NENA membership has lapsed, instructors cannot teach courses until their membership is renewed. If course directors are unsure if their instructors are current members, they can contact their NCAC rep for their province.

### ENPC 4th edition news

ENA course Ops is reviewing the current ENPC exams for content. If you would like to offer any feedback, please email your issue or concern to [ncac@nena.ca](mailto:ncac@nena.ca). NCAC will forward your concern. ENPC instructors can also direct their feedback to ENA at [feedbackenpc@ena.org](mailto:feedbackenpc@ena.org).

### French translation progress: ENPC 4th edition/TNCC 7th edition

Translation of both courses is underway. ENA will communicate the progress and anticipated launch of the translated materials in 2014. Until the translated

materials are available, TNCC and ENPC instructors who teach the program in French may use the existing translated materials for ENPC and TNCC.

## CTAS News

### CTAS National Working Group Workshop for CTAS Instructors

Saturday, April 26, 2014, Sheraton Centre, Downtown Toronto

The CTAS National Working Group is very pleased to offer a workshop for CTAS instructors as a preconference activity for the NENA Pan-American Conference 2014. This interactive session will include networking with other CTAS instructors from across Canada. Participants will have a chance to share ideas about innovative ways to deliver CTAS education through roundtable discussions of issues and suggestions. For more information or to register online, please go to: <http://nena.ca/>

Have a question about CTAS content? Have you found a great way to explain a CTAS concept? We'd love to hear from you! We are currently compiling questions and innovative teaching strategies

to be shared at the workshop and your input is crucial. Please send your questions or comments to [ctas@nena.ca](mailto:ctas@nena.ca)

### Geriatric Emergency Nursing Education (GENE)

ENA has launched the revised GENE course online. There are 17 interactive evidence-based modules on geriatric emergency nursing education. The cost in U.S. dollars for ENA members is \$250.00 (U.S.) and for non-ENA members is \$350.00 (U.S.).

- Live links to additional resources
- E-learning modules to test your knowledge
- Course narrative notes for greater retention.


### Course for Advanced Trauma Nursing (CATN)

The revision process continues into 2014. ENA will announce the launch date when the revision process is completed.

### Meet your NCAC representatives at the NENA Conference in Toronto, 2014

NCAC will be hosting a booth in the exhibit hall. We look forward to seeing you in Toronto.

## NCAC contact information

NCAC would like to thank all instructors, course directors, and instructor trainers for your hard work and commitment organizing and teaching courses. NCAC is your resource. Please feel to contact us at the email addresses below. 

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# NENA Awards, Bursaries and Grants available for 2014

## Awards

Excellence in nursing and health care deserves recognition. By celebrating nurses' achievements in the four domains of practice, the understanding of nursing is expanded and a positive image is reinforced. The NENA Awards of Excellence Program enables nurses to honour colleagues for their outstanding contributions and for demonstrating excellence in relation to the Standards of Nursing Practice. Awards available:

- Award of Excellence in Emergency Nursing Administration
- Award of Excellence in Emergency Nursing Education
- Award of Excellence in Emergency Nursing Practice
- Award of Excellence in Emergency Nursing Research

Award nomination forms to be sent to [awards@nena.ca](mailto:awards@nena.ca)

## Bursaries

NENA recognizes the need to promote excellence in emergency care and, to this end, financial aid to its members. NENA will set aside a predetermined amount of monies annually with the mandate of providing a high standard of emergency care throughout Canada. All sections of the emergency nursing team are eligible for consideration, including staff nurses, managers and educators. On April 1 of each year, the number of bursaries awarded is determined by the number of registered members per province. One bursary will be available to NENA BOD and ONE collectively to an independent member. Applications must be submitted to your provincial president or [awards@nena.ca](mailto:awards@nena.ca) prior to April 1, 2014.

## Grants

The purpose of the NENA Research Grant is to encourage and support nurses conducting nursing research in emergency. Research must be relevant to emergency nursing and may include practice, education or administration. The amount of money granted per year is \$1,000.00. Application deadline is March 31.

For more information on how to apply, go to [www.nena.ca](http://www.nena.ca) 

