

Family Practice Nurses are Invaluable...

Adjusting to September tends to be a challenge for all of us. Besides getting children ready for school and their activities, the fall brings the resumption of all those meetings and other commitments that involve many family doctors. While there may be a bit of a summer slowdown in the office, the fall typically is busy. For those of us fortunate enough to work with nurses in our practices, we recognize how invaluable they are in helping us through those busy times. Family practice nurses play an important role in ensuring that our patients are well cared for, and that we are able to function effectively and efficiently as physicians.

The Canadian Family Practice Nurses Association (CFPNA) is a relatively new grassroots organization formed to give nurses who work in primary care settings a forum for networking. (<http://www.cfpna.ca/>)

The CFPNA's vision statement is as follows:

To be nationally recognized as nurses committed to excellence, valuing quality outcomes, professionalism, collaborative practice and a patient/family centered approach to care from birth to end of life.

The CFPNA currently has 100 members across Canada, and they are eager to reach out to other nurses involved in Canadian family practices.

If you have a nurse in your practice who you think might be interested, please tell her about this group. Membership is available by registering online. The CFPNA will also be sponsoring a booth at FMF 2009 in Calgary, so stop by and find out more about them!

Our collaboration with nurses is longstanding and highly valued. Engaging in opportunities to further their communication with others involved in family practice will allow them to share best practices and enhance care for our patients.

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