

**IPNIG MEMBERS' VOICES: April 2016 to August 2016**  
**Speaking out for Nursing: Speaking out for Health**

***Independent Practice Nurses Interest Group (IPNIG)***

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

IPNIG is in a research mode studying future potential "new" health care legislation involving registered nurses services. Specifically "new" legalization for medical and/or non-medical Marijuana and new regulation for physician assisted death. Our findings indicate the "powers that be" that make the regulatory changes never ask the registered nurses directly involved with these regulated changes for their input. [See "*Nurse Newslines*" July 20, 2016]; details outlined in IPNIG Summer Newsletter to members and students - [IPNIG Summer Newsletter 2016](#)

One resource we found and now shared with our members and students is the newly formed national Canadian Association Self Employed Registered Nurses CASE-RNs [June 2, 2016]. This new nursing association offers benefits to self employed nurses, business savvy education, and the opportunity to unite together for a stronger national voice for nurses in their own business.

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

At the IPNIG November 28, 2015 Annual General Meeting, members agreed to research "fluxing" state of health care system and the impact on registered nurses expanded scope of nursing practice.

**IPNIG research finding "Is it Time to Ask?"**

- Can Registered Nurses fill health care "gaps" in "our outdated" health care system?
- Can RNs educate the public and politicians to the existence of registered nurses who reconnect people to continuous and consistent health care?

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- Can self employed nurses working outside the health care system, advocate for a recognition of the huge diversity nursing care services they deliver?
- Can the political powers meet with registered nurse business owners and operators to interface on the ways to connect people to the "wellness" care they need, i.e., on time, in place and easily found?
- Is it time to introduce the public and the politicians to Registered Nurses delivering cost effectively a huge diversity of nursing care services in private nursing practices?
- Is it time to introduce the public and politicians to the significant increase in the regulatory scope of practice of professional registered nurses, i.e., prescribing, assessment, and expanded clinical abilities?
- Is it time to tell public and politicians that research showed 44% of Registered Nurses of the 400,000 Canadian Registered Nurses work outside the Health Care System?

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

News media constantly report the impact of health care changes, health care "gaps", the need to eliminate isolation, fragmentation, overlooked care needs and the nightmare that people experience navigating for their health care needs. Current health care system reflects lack of consistent and continuous health care, absence of communication; health care providers lacking referral resources to professional health care providers inevitably leave people wondering where to go for help.

Research shows a large group of at-home "burdened" family members cherish the idea of registered nurses providing day-to-day maintenance for a "loved one's" health needs for constant and chronic care.

Innovative self employed registered nurses are the "new kids on the block", with modernized nursing health care modalities and techniques. However, they meet with resistance of powers that be who want to maintain "old way" health care delivery.

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**RNAO END Goal 4: 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.**

Essentially, our findings indicated the public needs education, i.e. all generations need to learn "how to" participate in a future sustainable primary health care system delivery to meet all people's health care needs. People strongly acknowledge "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of care" but the "powers" chose to include only 2% prevention measures in the health care system administration.

#### **Research indicates the "popping up" of assistive services by industrious business operators:**

- New online directory for public to find multiple resources for help
- New style health delivery medical clinic services inclusive of variety of health care professionals comprehensive services
- People persistently requesting the right to integrative health care

Stepping up to work in these new health care business areas are self employed registered nurses as business operators delivering nursing health care, coaching, pain management, diagnostic, treatment and navigation where people can get health care.

#### **Other**

##### **Summer Newsletter 2016**

Research on Impact Health Care System Changes Indicates Opportunities for Self-Employed Nurses – [IPNIG Summer Newsletter 2016](#)

- Impact of Health Care Changes
- Health Care Levels of Prevention
- Integrative Health Care
- Is it time to ask?
- Members ... What can you do?
- CASE RNs
- Closing Summary