

# Announcement of Inception of Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada **CNS-C** Association des infirmières et infirmiers cliniciens spécialisés du Canada **ICS-C** March 2016

The Pan-Canadian Steering Committee has now transitioned into the first elected Board of Directors of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada (CNS-C) as of February 2016. We would like to present the board members and inform you that CNS-C / ICS-C is now an incorporated non-profit society in Canada. We have been accepted as an emerging specialty group with the Canadian Nurses Association's Nursing Specialty Network.

The **highlighted** positions are the Executive Committee as well.

## Board Members

| Last Name  | First Name | Position               | Province         | E-mail                          |
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## Ad Hoc Committee Members (previously from the Steering Committee)

| Last Name  | First Name | Position                             | Province      |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Aubé Pinet | Julie      | Organizational Development Committee | New Brunswick |
| Gordon     | Jacqueline | Organizational Development Committee | New Brunswick |
| Arra-Robar | Angela     | Communication Committee              | Nova Scotia   |
| Cicchelli  | Lisa       | Communication Committee              | Nova Scotia   |
| Pereira    | Asha       | Logistics Committee                  | Manitoba      |

**Our Mission:** The Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada (CNS-C) provides a leadership platform through which Canadian Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) impact and influence cost-effective health care system change to support safe, quality care and superior outcomes.

**Our Vision:** The Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is an essential component of a sustainable healthcare system.

As per our CNS-C / ICS-C By-Laws:

### 3.01 Classes and Conditions of Membership

Pursuant to the Articles, there shall be one (1) class of Members in the Association.

Membership shall be available to:

a) Members:

1) Individuals who are Registered Nurses or Registered Psychiatric Nurses who have completed a masters of nursing and a clinical specialty and meet the current Canadian Nurses Association Pan-Canadian CNS Core Competencies;

or

2) Individuals who are Registered Nurses or Registered Psychiatric Nurses who prior to 2016, hold a graduate degree or higher level of education in a discipline other than Nursing which meets the current Canadian Nurses Association Pan-Canadian CNS Core Competencies.

Further information on this association will be communicated as it evolves and we encourage you to join the CNS-C Facebook group. It is with our sincerest hope that you will consider membership of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada.

Sincerely,

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President, CNS-C

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