

MEMBERS'S VOICES: April 1 - August 31, 2019
Speaking out for nursing: Speaking out for health

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Representing

Interest Group - Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario (CNS-ON)

Reporting Period

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END 1: Engage with registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging in their organization.

The CNS Association of Ontario also partnered with the CNS Association of Canada to plan and host a Conference titled "CNS: An Answer to Health Care Issues", in June 2019. Dr. Michelle Acorn opened the event with an address on Thursday evening. She was inspiring and shared potential opportunities for Clinical Nurse Specialists in Ontario at this time.

The CNS Association of Ontario celebrated its 40th Anniversary on the Thursday evening of the Conference.

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

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

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END 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.

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Other Comments:

We continue to communicate with members through our Facebook page. We also informed members of the Conference through regular emails. A newsletter is scheduled for the Fall of 2019.