

Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario

Association des infirmières et infirmiers cliniciens
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- We represent the CNS of Ontario with more than **235 members** (December 2013).
- Ontario has the **greatest** number of CNS in Canada.
- The **BC** (the second highest province) has less than 50 members.

About CNS Association of Ontario




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The **association** of RNAO members or affiliates who are nurses **committed** to Advanced Nursing Practice.

History:

- The Clinical Nurse Specialist Interest Group was formed in 1977.
- It became an official interest group of RNAO on September 13, 1979.
- On April 28, 2012, we became the Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario (CNS Association of Ontario).

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Purpose:

- ✓ We support the role of Advanced Nursing Practice in Ontario by:
 - **Providing opportunities for professional networking, support and problem-solving;**
 - **Clarifying the CNS role within the nursing profession and among other health care professionals, providers and consumers;**
 - **Promoting and defining advanced nursing practice;**
 - **Addressing issues that affect clinical nursing practice and health care.**

The **CNS** role defined

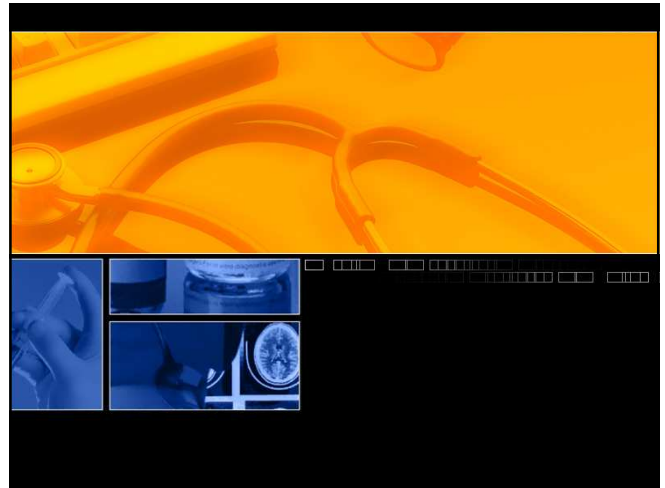
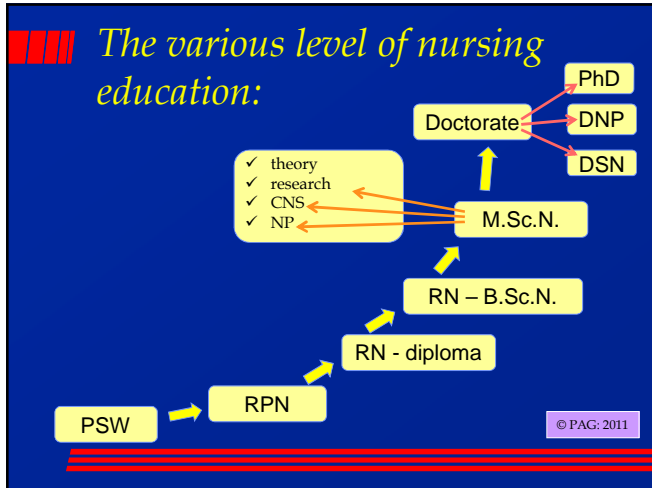
- RN with ...
- **Masters** or Doctoral degree **in nursing**;
- Expertise in a clinical nursing specialty;
- **In-depth** knowledge and skills;
- Advanced judgment ;
- **Clinical experience** in a nursing specialty;
- Provides solutions for **complex health care issues** at all levels (with patients / clients, families, other disciplines, administrators & policy-makers).

CNA, March 2003

Three spheres of influence:

Spheres of influence provide a framework for describing core CNS competencies.

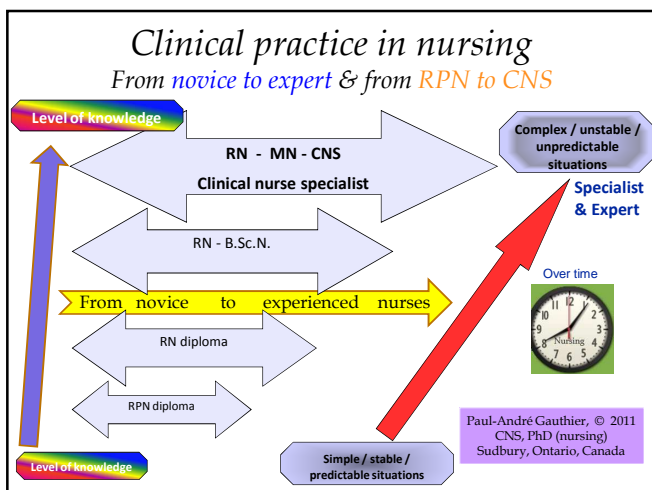
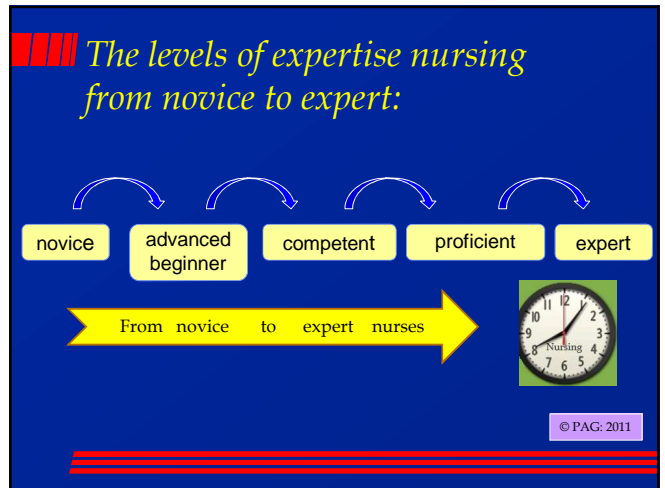
- **Patient / client:**
 - e.g. develops interventions that enhance the attainment of predicted outcomes while minimizing unintended consequences.
- **Nurses and nursing practice:**
 - e.g. works collaboratively with nurses to implement innovative interventions that improve outcomes.
- **Organization / system:**
 - e.g. assesses the professional climate and multidisciplinary collaboration within and across units for their impact on nursing practice and outcomes.



Expert clinicians in a specialized area of practice

The specialty may be identified in terms of a:

- **Population**
 - e.g. pediatrics, geriatrics, women's health.
- **Setting**
 - e.g. critical care, emergency room.
- **Disease or medical subspecialty**
 - e.g. diabetes, oncology.
- **Type of care**
 - e.g. psychiatric, rehabilitation.
- **Type of problem**
 - e.g. pain, wounds.



Domains of practice

- Advanced Clinical Practice
- Consultation
- Education
- Research
- Leadership



Information available



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- We publish our reports:
 - Members' voices;
 - Newsletters;
 - Activity reports;
 - Awards;
 - Information relevant to members;
 - Such as conferences, webinars, etc.



Benefits:



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- For example:
 - Key chain for all members.
 - Autumn 2010.




CLINICAL NURSE
SPECIALIST
INTEREST GROUP

CLINICAL
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Awards:



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- **CNS of the Year:**
 - ✓ 1 / year
- **CNS Education Award:**
 - ✓ 2 / year
- **CNS Student Award:**
 - ✓ 4 / year - one per CNS program.



NOTICE for the AGM:



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CNS Association of Ontario AGM (Annual General Meeting)


- Saturday, **May 3rd**, 2014 at 08:30
- **Hilton Toronto**, downtown Toronto.



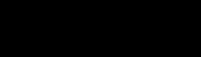

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- We have a **website**:
<http://cns-ontario.rnao.ca/>
- RNAO site :
 - http://rnao.ca/connect/interest-groups/cns_association_of_ontario
- We have a **facebook** account:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clinical-Nurse-Specialists-Association-of-Ontario-Canada/113210988761198?fref=ts>



For more information



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