

BREAKING NEWS

NEW ZEALAND ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES Issue 2 September 2005

Orthopaedic nursing is a speciality all of its own. In the States orthopaedic nursing is celebrated from the president down. International Orthopaedic Nurses Day is October 30th each year. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate who we are and what we do.

Orthopaedic nursing is devoted to the prevention and care of musculoskeletal disorders. We have the privilege of caring for patients across the life span, each with their unique experiences that make them special.

Take time to celebrate ourselves and be proud of our contribution to the lives of so many people.

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WE NEED A LOGO AND SLOGAN!!
FIND YOUR CREATIVE JUICES AND
DUST OFF THE ART SKILLS.
LOGO AND SLOGAN TO REFLECT THE
UNIQUENESS OF ORTHOPAEDIC
NURSING IN NEW ZEALAND.
CLOSING DATE: 30TH OCTOBER 2005
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Prize: free membership for one year and
\$50.00 petrol voucher.

Introducing the committee members for NZON.

The President:

Amanda Burton CNE
Orthopaedics Waikato District
Health Board

Vice president:

Kim Brooks Associate Director
of Nursing for Surgical
Services Lakes District Health
Board

Orthopaedic Scholarships.

The Ministry of Health is currently offering scholarships for nurses working in Orthopaedics, particularly in the area of elective surgery. (Joint replacements primarily).

The scholarships can cover courses of study, conference attendances and site visits.

Contact your Director of Nursing office for further information.



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Outpatients Waikato Hospital



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Lynley Papadopoulos Clinical
Nurse Educator Counties
Manukau District Health Board.



Other opportunities.

Auckland University of Technology offer a Speciality Practice paper on Orthopaedic Nursing. This will next be offered in Semester One 2006. This can become part of a course of study that leads to certification as a Nurse Practitioner. This paper is offered on-line. It is a single semester paper.

The University of Auckland also run a Speciality Practice paper in Orthopaedics. This can also lead on to a clinical Masters and Nurse Practitioner certification. This is not currently offered on line. It will next be offered Semester One 2006- it is a double semester paper.



Words from the President:

Amanda Burton.

Amanda trained at the Waikato Polytechnic in 1978 and has spent the majority of her nursing career working in orthopaedics. Amanda has worked in America, England, Australia and New Zealand in different positions such as staff nurse, Clinical educator, Clinical Nurse Leader,

Administrator and back to Orthopaedic Clinical Educator at Waikato. Amanda completed a post basic certificate in Orthopaedics at the Royal National orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore, England. She is currently completing a Pg Diploma before enrolling as a Masters candidate. Amanda has spoken nationally and internationally.

Amanda says:

I have been one of the fortunate ones to have found the fulfilment of orthopaedic nursing early in my career and continue to find it challenging through to today. Orthopaedic nursing is at a wonderful stage in its journey. We stand on the brink and look out on a new world of opportunity and recognition. This is a time for us to grasp the opportunities that the government has presented us and to show them what orthopaedic nurses are made of. We have been the bridesmaids to the more glamorous areas of intensive care and cardiac care, but now it is our turn to shine. And the important thing is that we do not allow the government or our employers make the decisions about our future, that WE must step forward and take control of OUR profession. It is indeed auspicious that at this time of growth that orthopaedic nurses throughout New Zealand have banded together to create a national group to promote and support orthopaedic nursing.

Upcoming events:

Conferences:

MUA: Maintain, Update, Activate- run by Queensland Orthopaedic Nurses Special Interest Group 11-12 November 2005, Surfers Paradise
e-mail orthonurses@eventcorp.com.au.

3M Casting Conference 29-30th September 2005, Wellington
e-mail Sonja Murphy smurphy1@mmm.com or phone 09 4439030

NAON Congress Boston. Partnering for Growth. May 20-24 2006. See NAON website: www.orthonurse.org e-mail- naon@smithbucklin.com

NZON meeting:

September 22nd 2005. Conference room Manukau SuperClinic South Auckland. 7pm-9pm.

Take Manukau exit from motorway and travel south down Great South Road toward Manurewa. The SuperClinic and Surgery is on the right hand side opposite Happy Days restaurant. Look forward to seeing you there.

International Orthopaedic Nurses Day October 30th.

Celebrate what you do and tell others about it. Enjoy who you are and what you do. Tell us how you make a difference.

Show and tell:

Do you have anything interesting happening in your area? If so, please share it. Send contributions to this newsletter to

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Final thought:

One value for Orthopaedic Nurses:

Working with others, the nurse helps to develop, interpret, implement and evaluate care