The Pipeline is a publication of Urology Nurses of Canada. The Pipeline is published each winter and summer for UNC members and sponsors and is also located at www.unc.org.

The Pipeline is looking for articles for publication about new initiatives in urology, latest technology, clinical research and evaluation, local chapter activities, patient and community resources.

Deadline for next issue: Nov 15, 2016
Contact the Pipeline Editors: Gina Porter or Frankie Bates: Tel: 506 632-5720 Email: uncpipeline@hotmail.com

The Kingston Chapter of the Urology Nurses of Canada are pleased to host and invite participants to attend the 29th Annual Urological Excellence (UEC) Conference 2016 in Kingston from September 22nd-24th at the Marriott Residence Inn Kingston Water's Edge.

The program is nearly ready to set course. The brochure will be posted on the UNC website in June. There is so much to learn and when we come together the "Waves of Change" creates opportunities to share our expertise! We look forward to re-connecting with our colleagues across the country and seeing many new faces too.

We have had an overwhelming response to our “Call for Abstracts and Save the Date”. We are ecstatic to offer a great program in September. As we look upon the horizon, be prepared for some changes to the program. We have over 30 presentations and posters covering a diverse range of topics. We are absolutely positive that all participants will be excited to drop their “anchors” and learn about the history and innovative changes that are taking place in urological nursing! Given the vast array of backgrounds of all nurses; we are confident that topics will be of interest to all. The planned topics are:

- Psychosocial Impact on Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder- Putting Research into Practice"
- Harnessing Social media for your Nursing Practice"
- HPV: it is not just about cervix cancer
- A Debate: “Is There a Role for Vaginal Estrogen in Urogynaecology?
- Communication tools in prostate cancer: Is a picture worth 1,000 words?
- Big Black Box: Exploring the complexities of Female Sexuality after cancer treatment
- Navigating care and tackling survivorship for men with advanced prostate cancer
- Urological Trauma
- Urological Diversions and Ostomy Management
- Use of Patient-Reported Outcomes in Clinical Practice in Prostate Cancer Clinics – Do they Enhance Quality of Care?
- Give’em What They Want: Delivery of Value Based Care for Urology Patients
- Bladder Conservation Therapy for Invasive Bladder Cancer
- Enhancing Recovery After Surgery: ERAS: Radical Cystectomy and Ileal Conduit Urinary Diversion
- Advanced Techniques in Interventional Radiology
- Physician Assisted Dying: A Polarizing Topic
- CUA/UNC: What is the Connection?

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- PSA and Prostate Cancer Screening: Current Trends and Future Implications
- Our Duty to Accommodate: Retaining Late-Career Nurses through Workplace Accommodations
- What Plumbers Need to Know about Making Coffee: A review of filtration & other functions of the Kidney
- Antimicrobial stewardship in the management of UTIs
- Catheters: Indwelling and Intermittent
- Biofeedback and Pelvic Floor Education
- Intermittent Catheterization: Benefits, Techniques and Challenges
- Genetics for the Urological Nurse
- Introduction of Radium-223 (Xofigo) in a Cancer Centre for Prostate Cancer
- Transgender Care
- It’s All About Us
- Consistent and Durable Improvements in Quality of Life with Long-term OnabotulinumtoxinA Treatment in Patients with Overactive Bladder
- PCA411

In addition to our learning program, the planning committee has been “mapping out” a few survival strategies to charting the course for FUN! We have found a few “pearls of wisdom” that does not require kissing our social life goodbye!

1. Optional Early Bird Wine Tour in Prince Edward County
2. Fun Night with a Dinner Cruise of the 1000 Islands
3. Optional Haunted Walk and Pub Crawl

It is our plan to have our “Mates” enjoy fun from Thursday through to Saturday’s docking!

A Treasure Chest of activities is being arranged. For those of you who wish to Land in Kingston early, A Prince Edward County Wine Tour (minimum required to register is 18 and the price decreases with higher participant numbers) has been planned. Included in this Winery Tour are 4 stops: Karlo Estates Winery, Norman Hardy Winery, Sandbanks Winery and Cas Dea Winery. The cost per person is $130 per person taxes and pizza lunch included, but the price will decrease if you can coax your “Mates” to join us on the voyage!

The Social Fun night activity included in your registration is scheduled for Friday night. We have planned a dinner cruise on the Kingston Waterfront. A Nautical and Glow Theme is planned!

For those who wish to extend the Nautical Fun and wish to avoid the “Hook Pulling Them In for the Night”, a Haunted Walk and Pub Crawl for $30 have been organized!

There will be no need for a “Life Preserver” while you are cruising Kingston and getting to know the many exciting trips that can be pursued!

The conference venue is located in the bustling waterfront area of downtown Kingston, steps to restaurants, city hall and the market, easy access to Queen’s University, RMC and other businesses. All suites feature full kitchen amenities, sofa bed, and complimentary hi-speed internet. The Marriott also has indoor/outdoor parking, an indoor pool and fitness centre. We are positive that conference participants will enjoy their stay which also supports our contract obligations for holding our conference at this site. marriottresidenceinKingston.com

We have anchored the price of the conference to be the same as last year. For UNC Members the cost is $295 and for Non-UNC Members the price is $360. For those who are not members, this would be a great time to become a member at the cost of $50 to save on both the conference fee and to reap the benefits of UNC membership. No conference is complete without the essential support from sponsors and exhibitors. We are working on a Welcome Reception for Thursday night. Spend time with our sponsors and not-for-profit exhibitors during Thursday evening and Friday. We gain valuable information regarding new technology, pharmaceuticals, products, supportive agencies, literature and best practices.

Come join our crew and land ashore in Kingston as our UNC Chapter celebrate and raise the UNC Flag at the 29th Annual UEC from September 22-24, 2016! It is important to encourage your colleagues and other nurses to keep current in our specialty as it crosses over many domains of nursing. Seeking out educational opportunities like attending the UEC is also an essential component in maintaining best practices and keeping up-to-date on hot topics impacting the care we deliver. The UEC is designed to enrich professional growth and development.

Submitted by the 29th Annual UEC Kingston Conference Planning Committee: Wendy Anstey, Angie Black, Todd Bradley, Lynn Moulds Gray and Sylvia Robb and Jan Giroux.
29th Annual Urological Excellence Conference

Kingston Chapter
Presents the 29th Annual UEC

“Waves of Change ~ Charting the Course: Where History & Innovation Thrive”

September 22-24, 2016

Marriott Residence Inn Kingston
Kingston, Ontario

Registration opens in June!
Please visit www.unc.org

For inquiries please contact the organizing committee at wavesofchange2016@gmail.com

Registration deadline is September 1st, 2016.
Course materials cannot be guaranteed after this date.

Conference News Flash:

A FREE UNC Membership for 2017 will be given to the 29th and 100th person to register for and attend this year’s conference! If registration exceeds 150 then the 150th person will also receive a free membership!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - It is that time of year again!

Time to think about nominations for the UNC Executive positions that are up for election this year. If you know of someone who would do a great job or you are interested in a position yourself, please forward the name and contact information along with the position nominated for, to Todd Bradley at membership@unc.org

Each person nominated will be contacted to ensure they are interested in having their name stand. They will then be required to submit a short bio that will be available to all those attending and voting at the UEC in Ottawa in September. The duties for each position can be found in the constitution on the UNC web site. Nomination will also be accepted at the UEC prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The positions that are up for election this year are as follows: President, Vice- President Central, Vice- President West and Sponsorship as well as all the Provincial Representatives.

Please have nominations in to Todd Bradley by September 1, 2016 to allow for nominees to be contacted. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any member of your UNC Executive.

Remember: You must be present at the AGM and a member in good standing for the current year in order to vote. Show your support for the UNC and attend the UEC this year. Exercise your right to vote!
How I developed my passion for urology nursing

I was the successful applicant for a position in the new Surgical Daycare/Short Stay unit in May 2005. I had little prior urology experience, other than the basics of catheter insertion, from lab classes in Algonquin College that I could recall.

The orientation to the new unit was very thorough and provided significant background on the wide range of surgeries performed. Reading materials for pre and post operative care were also provided. The urology portion was covered separately by Jill Jeffery, R.N. Jill had been involved with UNC for over 25 years and became active one year after the chapter was started. Jill’s coverage included continuous bladder irrigation, hand irrigation, changing saline bags, handling the issue of overfilled chambers and some very helpful trouble shooting tips. It was not an easy start but I enjoyed working with all the urology patients as I gained more experience. I soon became a urology mentor on my unit. It gave me a very good feeling to be able to alleviate any patients’ discomfort on our unit and solve our nursing problems. The Royal Jubilee hospital built the new patient care center and finished it in 2011. I applied for and received a job on 7 South. We do many different surgeries on our unit in the urology field: lithotripsy, stent insertion, transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP), transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT), cystectomy and prostatectomy. I would like to share some knowledge on blood clots with urology surgery that I have learned.

Blood clots seem to be the main issues post operatively in some patients after TURP and TURBT surgery. I have shared a few tips and suggestions and review for many other nurses on problems with clots.

- Trouble irrigating: Have the patient turn in various directions to move clots around in the bladder
- Use your Belladonna and opium suppositories with Doctors order
- With TURP surgery: Irrigate with larger amounts of normal saline. This is not advisable with TURBT as unwise to stretch the bladder.
- Insert smaller amounts of fluids with syringe and pull back, repeat over and over again.
- If patient has clots, irrigate often to reduce potential discomfort of clots in patients’ catheter and obstructing flow of urine
- Have patient ring call bell if bypassing urine, if they are feeling uncomfortable or have a larger firm abdomen, also if they have a feeling that they need to have a bowel movement. Pay close attention if they develop any of these symptoms
- Check CBI rate and adjust accordingly to flush clot

I would like to thank the UNC for their generous support, awarding me with the UEC Attendance Award at the conference in Edmonton, Alberta Sept. 17-19/15. I have enjoyed being a UNC member and meeting many other nurses who also share an interest in urology. Our chapter goals are to mentor and increase our membership. I personally want to partake in conversations to gain and learn more in the urology field. I have learned so much and wish I had joined UNC earlier in my career. A special thanks to Jill Jeffery for encouraging my involvement.

Respectfully submitted Margaret Bartlett
Victoria, B.C.
Valley Regional Hospital Kentville, NS

I would like to thank the UNC for selecting me for one of the 2015 UEC Attendance Awards. This award was used to support my attendance at the 28th Annual Urology Excellence Conference held at the Westin Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta from September 17-19, 2015. Fortunately, three of our OR nurses were able to attend the conference this year. Upon returning home from the conference, we all gave detailed presentations to our staff members regarding what we had learned. The education sessions from the conference we presented were Bladder Cancer, Urological Emergencies, Cutting Edge Treatment for Urethral Stricture, Acute Urinary Retention, and Stones in Pregnancy.

I have been a co-service head in the Urology service of the Operating Room at the Valley Regional Hospital for the last 10 years. We currently have 3 Urologists and have a very busy urology service. We do a wide variety of surgeries from cystoscopic related surgeries (TURP, TURBT, laser lithotripsy, cold knife urethrotomy...etc), to total nephrectomy/partial nephrectomy (both open and laparoscopic), radical prostatectomy, laparoscopic UPJ reconstructions, and minor surgeries such as vasectomy, hydrocelectomy, etc.

We have had a large turnover over in staffing in the last several years due to nursing retirements, changing the level of expertise and knowledge of our unit. The education we gained and shared from these conferences has become a part of our education for all of our nurses. I joined the Urology Nurses of Canada in 2010, at the encouragement of one of our staff urologists. He emphasized the importance of becoming a member of the UNC to increase our knowledge in urology; network with fellow urology nurses and to keep up to date with the advances in the urology specialty. I am grateful for his encouragement as I have benefitted greatly from attending three of the UNC national conferences; attending local education opportunities and reading the Pipeline. Now, I encourage others to join the UNC!

By Andrea Crooks RN, BScN, CPN(C)
Halifax Chapter of UNC 10th Annual Dine & Learn

On May 5, the Halifax Chapter hosted their 10th annual Dine & Learn at the Saraguay Club. They were pleased to be sponsored by the following: Kevin Arenburg (Hollister); Greg Sanford (Cook Medical); Scott MacIntosh (Pfizer); Brian Wigle (Biosynt); Tammy McLean (Medtronic); Karell Rivest-Roy (Laborie); Mary Smith (Ferring); Greg Cromwell (Coloplast); Brian Fillmore (Astellas); & Mattieu Desautels (Red Leaf Medical). Several of the reps set up tables for guests to visit during the meet & greet. Several people commented on the evaluations that they found it very educational to meet and talk with the reps beforehand.

Emmi Champion, UNC rep for NS, welcomed everyone to the evening, and thanked the sponsors once again for their support of nursing education. Sue Marsh gave her annual account of where the attendees were from. There were nurses from a wide variety of settings: In-patient urology, OR, Homecare, ambulatory care, long term care, VON, rehab, research, and IWK. There were nurses from as far away as Truro, South Shore Regional, in Bridgewater, Eastern Shore, Hants Community, as well as several areas of metro Halifax.

Emmi introduced the first speaker of the evening, Debbie McLeod, RN, PhD. Her presentation was titled “Sexual Intimacy: An Oft Neglected Aspect of Illness”. This was a very interesting topic, and when the room was polled about whom, in their practice, regularly spoke to patients about sexuality issues, it was less than half. Dr. McLeod spoke thoughtfully about the importance of this issue, and left the room with some thoughts to consider in everyone’s practice. One of the main thrusts of her talk was how patients didn’t necessarily want you to fix their problems, but just to acknowledge that there was a concern around their sexuality, and that they were not the only person this happened to.

Vickie Williams introduced the second speaker, Holly Parr LPN, from in-patient urology at the VGH. Her presentation was titled “Post-Op Nephrectomy Care”. This talk was very well-received. Holly spoke about the reasons for doing nephrectomies (partial, radical, total), and good general post-op care, as well as care specific to nephrectomies; such as hourly outputs. She spoke of different pain control options, and policy & procedure around this. One of the most interesting topics Holly spoke of was the “Paired Donor Program”, which generated several questions.

Sue Marsh introduced the final speaker, Vickie Williams. Her presentation was titled “Catheters & Bags”. This was an open discussion, with Vickie as moderator. Things touched on, included types of catheters (coude, straight, latex, silicone, suprapubic, and many different ones for CIC). Also the many different types of drainage bags, including the 24hr closed system. This bag is in regular use at Rehab, with them changing the whole system every two weeks. There were many questions asked and answered, and lively discussion. Several people commented on their evaluation that they liked this kind of presentation/discussion.

Emmi encouraged attendees to consider attending the UNC national conference in Kingston ON, September 22-24, and also consider a membership in UNC, with forms included for each guest.

Our evening wound down after this, and of our approximately 68 attendees, we received 40 evaluations, with many suggestions for future topics.

By Vickie Williams RN

St John’s, NL Chapter News

The St John’s Chapter has started meeting for continuing nursing education hours.

In April we had 7 nurses attend a two hour webinar put on by Kidney Cancer Canada.

Many of our nurses are junior urology nurses who are keen to learn. Our next session will be the Prostate Cancer module on the UNC website. If you know about any other good webinars please let us know.

Sue Hammond
Newfoundland & Labrador UNC Rep

Edmonton Chapter News

After hosting a very successful UEC last year, the chapter members are busy organizing Urology Daze. This will be held on June 10, 2016.

We currently have 10 active members and are always trying to recruit more.

Educational sessions are being planned for the fall.

Liz Smits (chair)
VP West
Greetings from sunny Victoria from the UNC chapter team:
Shirley Turcotte President
Margaret Bartlett Secretary
Courtney Ware Provincial Representative
Kari Massey Liaison with Urologists

Our goal is to promote membership and Urology education

We hosted a very successful UNC education session presented by OR nurse, Don Lambert, in February in the OR classroom of the Royal Jubilee Hospital. We had 22 nurses attend Don’s presentation: “Kidney stones and the types of OR procedures, tubes and implications for post-op patient care”. His presentation was both knowledgeable and included hands on opportunities to use instruments. Margaret Bartlett was encouraged to get up on the OR stretcher in the position that a patient would be in if having a lithotripsy. (No wonder these patients have back pain post-op!). Shirley Turcotte was instructed to use some of the instruments used in lithotripsy surgery. (The “stone” was further shattered rather than retrieved.) Don did an awesome Power Point presentation that included intro-op photos of equipment. We presented Don with a fine bottle of red wine for his great job! All participants were sent certificates of attendance. We also discussed the benefits of UNC membership and upcoming conventions.

The exciting chapter news is the full sponsorship of nine nurses to attend the upcoming Canadian Urological Association Convention in Vancouver. For 2016, the Victoria urologists have sponsored two nurses from each of the Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital Operating Rooms, two nurses from each of 7AB and 7S, the Urology units at both hospitals, and one nurse from the Victoria Chapter of the UNC to go to the Canadian Urological Association meeting in Vancouver from June 25-28, 2016.

“We will leave the selection of the nurses to you. We ask that the nurses who you choose to attend this meeting have demonstrated interest in Urology, work hands on with the Urology patients and are willing to give a short presentation to their nursing colleagues about what they have learned. We also ask that these nurses have not been sponsored by us before.” This is a tremendous honour to nurses caring for urology patients. This recognition of respect from the Victoria Urologists, to fund nine nurses to attend this national convention and to have left the selection process to the nurse managers of the clinical units and the UNC chapter, is greatly appreciated.

We thank: Dr McAuley, Chief or Urology and all Victoria urologists for their continued and generous support of nursing education! This year nine nurses will enjoy the benefits of continued education by attending the CUA Vancouver 2016 Convention, plus they will return to their clinical units with knowledge to share with their coworkers.

Kind regards,
Shirley Turcotte BA, RN, BSN, PIDP
Urology Nurses of Canada Victoria Chapter President

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Educational evening for Saint John UNC Chapter
Our 3rd Annual Dine and Learn event was a great success. We had fifty attendees from Saint John and the surrounding areas in attendance. The evening was generously sponsored by Janssen.

Frankie Bates presented an Overview of Prostate Cancer. This covered the function of the prostate, diseases of the prostate, Gleason Score, Tumour Grades and the different treatments available for prostate cancer.

Dr. Holly Campbell very graciously gave up her evening to attend and present on Radiation Treatments for Prostate Cancer. Dr. Campbell covered the various types of radiation available along with their possible outcomes and side effects.

Gina Porter presented on the PCA411 website. The presentation included a detailed breakdown of the tools and information available on the website as well as the four training modules. The website is specially designed to help meet the educational needs of nurses who care for patients with prostate cancer.

General information on the Urology Nurses of Canada and our membership was handed out and a brief overview given. Attendees were made aware of the UEC in Kingston, Ontario this year. Door prizes were awarded with the top two prizes being a free UNC membership for 2017 as well as a free registration for the 2016 UEC in Kingston this year.

The comments and feedback were very positive for all of the topics. Many good suggestions were given for possible topics for next year’s Dine and Learn.

Many thanks to all who participated and made the evening such a success. The date for next year’s event will be announced in early 2017.

By Nancy Carson RN, NCA
Secretary, Saint John UNC Chapter
UNC Provincial Representative for NB
UNC Awards Program

Each year the Urology Nurses of Canada invite their membership to apply for the following awards:

The **Research Award**. This award is valued at $750.00 and is presented at the annual UEC. It has been provided by the generous support of our national corporate sponsors. Please refer to the criteria for further information.

The **Scholarship Award**. This award is valued at $750.00 and is presented at the annual UEC. It has been provided by the generous support of our national corporate sponsors. Please refer to the criteria for further information.

Two **Nursing Education Initiative Awards**, valued up to $500.00 each. This award is a reimbursement program providing financial assistance to Urology Nurses of Canada (UNC). These grants are available to support nurses engaging in continuing educational events for the enhancement of knowledge, professional skills and patient outcomes specific to the practice of urology. Funding of up to two awards is provided by the generous donations of national corporate sponsors and donations from UNC members. There is no deadline to apply for this award.

Up to four **UEC Attendance Awards**, also valued at $500.00 each. This award is a reimbursement program providing financial assistance to Urology Nurses of Canada (UNC) members to attend the annual Urological Excellence Conference. Funding for this award is provided by the generous donations of national corporate sponsors. The deadline to apply for this award was May 31, 2016. Those who win the award will be notified by June 15, 2016.

The **Award of Merit** - recognizes the individual who has made a significant contribution to the UNC. Please refer to the criteria for further information.

The **UNC Chapter Award** for new local chapters. The UNC will award $200.00 to a chapter that wishes to assist in starting another chapter. The award may be used for renting a room, providing food, acquiring a speaker or advertising. A letter requesting the award must be accompanied by a plan on how the award will be used.

All applications must be type written and/or sent electronically to vpeast@unc.org. All award applications and criteria are available on the UNC web site at www.unc.org. Applicants will be contacted upon receipt of application.

The UNC is committed to developing, disseminating and implementing new knowledge in practice. We achieve excellence in clinical practice by encouraging and supporting our membership in their participation in research, knowledge acquisition and academic achievement.

If you have any questions regarding the awards please contact Frankie Bates at vpeast@unc.org.
**The Evolution of UNC**
During the mid 1980’s a group of nurses in Toronto identified the need for ongoing Education in Urology Nursing. They formed the “Urology Nurses Interest Group” and held annual seminars at Humber College. They soon recognized the importance of becoming a formal organization. This resulted in Urology Nurses of Canada being created in 1987. Soon after that the process began to create the UNC’s Mission Statement and Constitution, followed by the UNC Standards of Practice.

The first “Urological Excellence Conference” was held in Toronto in 1988. This group continued to be the conference planners until 1992, when Kingston held the 5th UEC Conference.

Ever since then, a different Chapter each year is host to the conference. This affords more nurses across Canada the opportunity to access ongoing and updated Urological Education in their area. Membership numbers grew as more nurses recognized the educational value UNC offered.

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**UNC Mission Statement**
The Urology Nurses of Canada is a National Not-For-Profit Association whose mandate is to enhance the specialty of urologic nursing in Canada by promoting education, research and clinical practice. The activities of the Urology Nurses of Canada are designed to enrich members’ professional growth and development.

**The Award of Merit**
This is an award presented Annually to a UNC member who is in good standing and is nominated by two UNC members.

The member must:
- Demonstrate excellence in Urological Nursing through practice, research or education
  OR
- Demonstrate significant contributions to UNC through promotion, mentoring or other enhancement of the UNC Mission at a local or national level.

**UNC Award of Merit Recipients**
- 1997 - Laurel Emerson, Kingston, ON
- 1998 - Sue Hammond, St. Johns, NL
- 1999 - Susan Madden, Ottawa, ON
- 2000 - Sandra Rowan, Victoria, BC
- 2001 - Margie Waye, Halifax, NS
- 2002 -
- 2003 - Louise McIntosh, Glocester, ON
- 2004 - Gina Porter, Saint John, NB
- 2005 - Emmi Champion, Halifax, NS
- 2006 -
- 2007 - Jill Jeffery, Victoria, BC
- 2008 - Frankie Bates, Saint John, NB
- 2009 - Susan Freed, Ottawa, ON
- 2010 - Sylvia Robb, Kingston, ON
- 2011 - Brenda Bonde, Victoria, BC
- 2012 -
- 2013 - Liette Connor, Halifax, NS
- 2014 - Lisa Lynch, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 - Liz Smits, Edmonton, AB

**UNC Website**
The unc.org website is available as a resource for the members. It contains public areas as well as areas that can only be accesses by current members.

Some of the things available on the website are:
- The Constitution as well as the Standards of Practice
- Contact info for Executive, Provincial Reps., chapters and the members only area
- UNC Pipeline - current and back issues
- Conference information
- Awards information and applications
- Past award winners list
### How to form a local UNC Group

1. Contact nurses and allied health in your area interested in Urologic Nursing.
2. Pick a topic and a speaker (for initial meeting).
3. Book meeting room
4. Contact local sales rep for potential support of meeting.
5. Advertise meeting and distribute information about the UNC.
6. Create local executive e.g. chairperson, secretary, treasurer.
7. Organize educational meetings/events.
8. Contact UNC provincial representative regarding local business meetings.
9. Encourage submissions of articles and upcoming events to The “Pipeline”.

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### UNC Information

**UNC Executive**

- **President**: Gina Porter
- **Past President**: Frances Stewart
- **Vice-President West**: Liz Smits
- **Vice-President Central**: Susan Freed
- **Vice-President East**: Frankie Bates
- **Membership**: Todd Bradley
- **Sponsorship**: Frances Stewart
- **Treasurer**: Nancy Carson
- **Secretary**: Sylvia Robb

**UNC Provincial Representatives**

- **West**:
  - British Columbia: Courtney Ware
  - Alberta: Linda Brockmann
  - Alberta: Carolyn Richardson
  - Saskatchewan: Dot Bergman
- **Central**:
  - Manitoba: Emily Blunden
  - Ontario: Tracey Beazley
  - Ontario: Jan Giroux
  - Quebec: Raquel De Leon
- **East**:
  - New Brunswick: Nancy Carson
  - Nova Scotia: Emmi Champion
  - Newfoundland and Labrador: Sue Hammond
  - Prince Edward Island: Kim Smith
Coming Events

71st Annual CUA
June 25th - 28th, 2016
Vancouver, BC
www.cua.org

Nurses meeting at CUA
Monday June 27th, from 4pm - 6pm

2nd International Conference on Prostate Cancer
August 22-23, 2016
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
http://prostatecancer.cancersummit.org/

ICS 2016
September 13th - 16th, 2016
Tokyo, Japan
www.icsoffice.org

29th Annual UEC
“Waves of Change ~ Charting the Course”
September 22nd - 24th, 2016
Marriott Residence Inn
Kingston, ON
www.unc.org

2016 Annual CANO/ACIO
October 20th - 23rd, 2016
Hyatt Regency,
Calgary, AB
www.cano-acio.ca

Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates:
SUNA UroLogic Conference
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WHAT DO ALL THESE ABBREVIATIONS MEAN????

AUA - American Urologic Association
AQIIU - Association Québécoise des Infirmières et
Infirmiers en Urologie.
CANO/ACIO - Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology
CUA - Canadian Urologic Association
ICS - International Continence Society
NCA - Nurse Continence Advisor
PCCN - Prostate Cancer Canada Network
SUNA - Society of Urology Nurses of America
UEC - Urological Excellence Conference
UNC - Urology Nurses of Canada

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