Farewell, the final APN Chair Newsletter!

This special issue of CJNL is a compilation of articles and research focused on advanced practice nurses and the field of advanced practice nursing, including:

1. Mentorship for Advanced Practice Nurses: Lessons Learned from the Oncology Nursing Education and Mentoring Conference
   - Presenters: Denise Bryant Lukosius, Ruth Martin Misener, Julie Vohra, Nancy Carter, Rose Vonau, Renee Charbonneau
   - The McMaster Health Forum acts as an agent of change for improving health outcomes, by empowering policymakers, leaders, citizens and researchers for off-the-shelf solutions.
   - Addressing the Integration of Advanced Practice Nursing in Canada
   - The Issue Briefs and Dialogue summaries can be found on the McMaster Health Forum website: http://www.mcmasterhealthforum.org/index.php/about

2. Developing and Integrating Research into your Advanced Practice Nursing Role: Strategies, Impact and Challenges
   - Presenters: Karen Kilpatrick, MSc(A), PhD, McGill University, and Kim Zajac, PhD, University of British Columbia

3. Impact of the PEPPA Framework on the Introduction of Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) Roles for Primary Health Care in Canada

4. Evaluating a graduate level primary health care nurse practitioner program: Strategies for success
   - Presented by Pam Baxter

5. The Practice Patterns of Clinical Nurse Specialists in Canada
   - Panel Presentations:

6. The Transformational Journey of Nurse Practitioners in the acute care setting
   - The Health Zone Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic

7. The Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (CAAPN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew diBartolomeo as the new CAAPN Chair. Andrew is a registered nurse and family nurse practitioner with a focus on community health. He brings a wealth of experience in leadership and advocacy to his role, having served as the President of the Ontario College of Nurses and as a member of the CAAPN Board of Directors.

8. The McMaster Clinician Scientist Program has awarded three new fellows for the 2011-2012 academic year. The fellows are:
   - Michael A. O’Neil, MD
   - Jennifer L. Sheehan, MD
   - Laura J. Zdanowicz, MD

9. The Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (CAAPN) has published a new position statement on the role of advanced practice nurses in primary health care. The statement highlights the unique contribution of advanced practice nurses in improving access to high-quality care, managing chronic conditions, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

10. The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) has launched a new initiative to support the professional development of nurses across the country. The initiative includes a range of resources and tools designed to help nurses enhance their skills and knowledge in areas such as leadership, research, and patient safety.

11. The Nursing Leadership Column of CJNL has published an article on the importance of diversity in leadership. The article highlights the benefits of diverse leadership teams in improving organizational effectiveness and patient outcomes.

12. The Awards & Recognition section highlights the winners of the 2011 CAAPN Awards of Excellence, including:
   - Award for Excellence in Research: Dr. Linda Aiken
   - Award for Excellence in Practice: Dr. Michelle Simard

13. The News section includes updates on new publications, events, and initiatives in the field of advanced practice nursing.

Please share your thoughts on this special issue and the future of advanced practice nursing in Canada. Your feedback is important to us as we continue to strive for excellence in this field.

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