



National Nursing Week 2023

A Message from Tess Kroeker, RPN Council President and NNPBC Board Member

On behalf of the NNPBC RPN Council, I would like to wish everyone a happy National Nursing Week!

We observe National Nursing Week each year to celebrate the nursing profession and the amazing contributions of nurses who work in many different roles across the health system. This year National Nursing Week takes place from May 8-14, which we celebrate with the theme, 'Our Nurses, Our Future.' Nurses of all designations are key to the future of health in communities across BC and beyond, a fact that is emphasized by this theme.

I would like to formally recognize BC's hardworking RPNs who have a critical and unique role in health care. RPNs consistently provide high quality, comprehensive care, addressing an individual's psychosocial, developmental, emotional, mental health, and physical health needs. With a collaborative, holistic and patient-centred approach, RPNs regularly seek to support a combination of mental, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of both patients and their families, and advocate for more accessible and inclusive health supports in the future. RPNs understand the importance of providing care to the whole person; when, where, and how they may need it; and are integral to ensuring that this understanding is maintained at all levels of health systems development.

It is this knowledge, expertise, and commitment to care which is so central in our profession, and which we celebrate during National Nursing Week. Our work is meaningful and influential, and it is through nursing leadership that we will continue to positively impact health care today, and the health of our communities into the years ahead.

Happy National Nursing Week!

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