

To: TBRHSC All Staff

From: Adam Vinet, Vice President, Patient Experience, Chief Nursing Executive & Regional Vice President, Regional Cancer Care

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RE: Nursing Week May 8-14, 2023

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This year National Nursing Week is being recognized May 8-14, coinciding with Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. National Nursing Week is a time to acknowledge the dedication and achievements of nursing professionals; to step back, reflect and recognize the unique and critical contribution that our nurses make to the health care system in Thunder Bay and across Northwestern Ontario.

The Canadian Nursing Association (CNA) has identified this year's National Nursing Week theme as *Our Nurses. Our Future*. This theme showcases the many roles that nurses play in a patient's health-care journey. Nurses continually adapt, adopt and change to meet the needs of our patients/families, environments and system challenges and opportunities. As nursing practice and technology evolve, the scope of the nursing profession and the impact nurses have on the health system grows exponentially.

Our nurses are working with complex patients, collaborating with other disciplines and have become leaders in research and evidence based practice. While we can anticipate constant change throughout a nurse's career, a nurse's ability to adapt to these changes reflects their continued commitment to patients and their families.

"The passion that the nurses here at our Hospital have for their work is incredible," said Adam Vinet, Vice President, Patient Experience, Chief Nursing Executive & Regional Vice President, Regional Cancer Care. "They rise to every challenge, and are committed to providing quality care and advocating for every patient. This week we celebrate their hard work and their successes."

Today we celebrate and honour nurses, YOU – for everything you bring to ensure exceptional care for every patient, every time.