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Community Health Nurses of Canada Collaborates with Ontario Nursing Group to host the 4th National Community Health Nurses Conference

June 16, 2010: Sheraton Downtown Hotel, Toronto, ON

A conference featuring community health nurses from across the country is being held in Toronto this week and will offer nurses professional development so they can continue to build a healthy future for all Canadians. Community nurses include public and home health nurses as well as others working in the community.

Community Health Nurses touch everyone at some point in their lives. They work with: mothers to help them breastfeed; take care of the sick at home; help seniors lead independent lives at home; and handled much of the immunization during the recent H1N1 pandemic. They also do important policy work with politicians to keep people healthy. Their work impacts everyone.

By the year 2020, 60 per cent of nursing will occur in the community. This conference will help nurses prepare by discussing practice improvements, nursing research, and looking towards the future with increased community education for nursing students.

With key community health nursing issues in the media every day including HINI, home health for seniors and early discharge from the hospital for new mothers it is important for nurses to come together to discuss nursing research and generate innovative solutions for community care.

The conference is taking place at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto June 16-18th. The Community Health Nurses Initiatives Group (CHNIG) of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario is collaborating with Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) to host the 4th National Community Health Nursing Conference.

Over 400 community health nurses from across Canada will attend. As a primary education venue, this conference provides the perfect opportunity to embrace the conference theme of Knowledge to action: Engage, Enable, Inspire.

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Backgrounder

The Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) is an associate member of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and a voluntary association of community health nurses. CHNC provides a unified national voice to represent and promote community health nursing and the health of communities.

The Community Health Nurses Initiative Group (CHNIG) is a sub-group of the Registered Nurses' of Ontario (RNAO). Their mission is to act as the voice of community health nurses influencing the health-care system, health and social policy in areas, which affect the work of community health nurses in Ontario and the public we serve. All members of CHNIG are members of CHNC.