

To our valued partners and committed change agents,

For 25 years, RNAO has seen tremendous growth and expansion of its Best Practice Guideline (BPG) Program. We began with four BPGs and now have more than 50 guidelines, with many now in second, third and even fourth edition to ensure they remain a gold standard.

We have witnessed individuals, health organizations, educators and governments at home and around the world embrace our social movement of science. Whether you're a frontline RPN, RN, NP or nursing student; a Best Practice Spotlight Organization® (BPSO®) direct, service, academic, specialty, regional or host organization; or an expert in research and/or data collection – you play a critical role in creating cultures of evidence-based care that improve the lives of millions of people.

This special anniversary issue of *Registered Nurse Journal* highlights our collective success over a quarter century of transformational work through the BPG Program. We bring you the experiences of nursing leaders whose contributions have cleared a path towards change that is improving patient and health-system outcomes.

We are immensely proud of this collaborative work and the active, systematic and engaged actions and advocacy of our colleagues and partners. Their expertise in the creation, implementation and evaluation of clinical, healthy work environment and health system BPGs benefits multiple sectors in Canada and beyond our borders.

RNAO BPGs stand the test of time because they advance evidence-informed care that keeps individuals, their families and communities at the heart of health-system transformation. Our journey began with a vision in 1998 and dedicated provincial funding in 1999. We knew we were on to something formidable. And it's thanks to each partner in this important tsunami of change that we can celebrate our first 25 years and look ahead to even more growth and impact over the next 25 years and beyond.

Sincerely,

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