

Canadian Society of
Ophthalmic Registered Nurses



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FALL/CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2013

Season's greetings to all members past and present, below you will find updates and news from past and future CSORN events.

CSORN Conference June 2013- Montreal

Our CSORN Conference in Montreal was a great success! We would like to extend our thanks to the conference coordinator Carole Desharnais and her team for an educational and entertaining day. Great job Carole!! Minutes from the 2013 General Meeting can be viewed on the website: www.csorn.ca

COS/CSORN Conference June 2014- Halifax Nova Scotia

Next year's Canadian Ophthalmic Society (COS) Symposium will be held June 4-7, 2014. The official nursing CSORN conference day will be Thursday June 5, 2014. Next year's Conference Coordinator is Wanda Mulrooney from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Wanda is also the treasurer for CSORN.

Updates will be included in the Spring Newsletter. Please check the COS website www.eyesite.ca for more information, and to register for next year's CSORN Conference. To be eligible for reduced rates for CSO you must be a CSORN member (\$25). Non-members pay a higher rate to attend the CSORN Conference Thursday June 5, 2014.

A reminder, that CSORN Membership Registration MUST be completed by Jan 31, or a \$10 late fee will apply!

Future Conferences

CSCRS-November 9, Toronto
AAO-Nov 16-19, New Orleans
Walter Wright- Dec 6-7, Toronto
ASCRS- April 25-29, 2014 Boston
COS-June 4-7, 2014 Halifax

Provincial /Local Updates

Ontario-Ottawa Chapter *(Rosemary Bickerton)*

We have our Annual Ottawa Chapter Dinner meeting booked for November 21st. We will have a presentation on Uveitis by Dr Chloe Gottlieb and a short update from 2 nurses who attended AAO, who will share the pearls that they learned. AMO has generously agreed to help us with this evening and will also give a short presentation on their lenses.

We plan to have 45 nurses register for the evening and also update their CSORN membership.

Ophthalmology in Ottawa is status quo. We are still restricted to the amount of cataracts that can be done with the cost per case that the MOH has given us.

This amount represents 15% less cases than we usually do. We have closed many OR days/rooms to meet our budget targets. We are constantly looking at efficiencies.

We continue to do high volumes of cataracts on a daily basis and do interesting glaucoma, complex cornea and oculoplastics cases to keep us on our toes. We are looking forward to the next CSORN conference in Halifax.

Ontario-GTA Chapter *(Donna Punch)*

We are set for our first meeting of the GTA Chapter! We are fortunate to have Dr Ike Ahmed present a talk on Toric lenses. Dr Ahmed is a renowned international speaker. Alcon has generously offered to sponsor our dinner this evening. At this time we hope to have our registration for next year's CSORN Membership completed. We are looking forward to a group will network and share pearls of our practise.

Saskatchewan (*Charlene Talbot*)

The Eye Centre was able to send 2 staff to COS this year. Our ambulatory unit has been very busy developing an Electronic Health Record (EHR). Our “go live” date is Oct 9.

The Eye Centre Ophthalmologists are now part of the training process for the 2nd Year College of Medicine students. Forty students will pass through the Educational Program developed. The students will have training experience with the Orthoptist/Operating Room/ Ophthalmologist through the coordination of the Eye Centre staff.

Nova Scotia- (*Mary Stairs*)

Update from Atlantic Provinces:

We have just recently met for an “Update and Planning Meeting” for the COS/CSORN 2014 meeting. The organization committee is very busy, hoping to make this an exciting and rewarding educational experience for all attending. We would love to welcome you to our lovely Province to enjoy some Nova Scotia hospitality.

From a clinically point of view, we continue to become busier. From an operational point of view, we are trying to do more with less, while maintaining quality care. The Province is moving forward expanding care guidelines for Lucentis, which will make us busier than ever. Hope to see you all in June

Quebec-(*Carole Desharnais*)

Quebec has no formal chapter as of yet. The Montreal General Hospital is getting ready for the arrival of the “Mega Hospital”. The big move will take place sometime in 2014-2015. Retinal surgery will be done in the “new building”, while cataract surgery will not move with the rest of the operating room. We are not sure what the hospitals plans for cataract and other ophthalmic surgery are. I will keep you informed.

If you are interested in starting up a local CSORN chapter in your area, please contact the CSORN Executive for their assistance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Donna Punch from the “Greater Toronto Area” (GTA) Chapter, for her efforts to start up a local chapter. We are looking forward to our first official meeting early November. GREAT JOB Donna!!

From the Executive, we would like to wish each of you a very healthy, happy, and prosperous holiday season.

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