

DIABETES NURSING INTEREST GROUP OF THE RNAO

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SPECIAL D.N.I.G. CONFERENCE UPDATE

Ottawa, ON September 21, 2010 - What are you waiting for? Register today and get superb value for your money!!

The Diabetes Nursing Interest Group of the RNAO is a key partner in the upcoming 2010 collaborative National Conference hosted by the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada. Don't miss the exciting line-up of speakers that have been organized for this event on October 25-27, 2010 only a short shuttle bus away from the airport in Toronto's newly renovated Airport Hilton.

Diabetes is more prevalent in the Aboriginal population than in other populations and diabetes, in general, is rapidly growing in Canada with health needs that extend across a wide range of health specialty areas. Our Conference Theme "*Linking Our Knowledge through Diverse Interests*" is focused on this synergy of support.

2010 is the **International Year of the Nurse** and as many diverse professionals work together for the betterment of patients with Diabetes and their families, DNIG is announcing a special rate of \$490 for any nurse, health professional or researcher caring for the diabetic population who is affiliated with a professional association. This special rate is in effect beginning September 20 to October 18, 2010.

This Conference will offer an excellent opportunity to learn more about advances in Diabetes and general care of Chronic Diseases and to speak directly with national and international experts involved in Chronic Illnesses, Health and Wellness, Cancer Care, Hospice and Palliative Care, Ostomy Care, Environment Health, Gender Issues, Cultural Safety and Building community understanding and maximizing student capacity to address health inequities including the use of traditional medicines and approaches for improvements in Diabetes health care.

Conference Sessions Highlights

- Dr. Dennis Raphael: Renowned expert on the social determinants of health including poverty's impact on Diabetes
- Diabetes Educator and DNIG Executive Member Shelley Esposito sharing her case studies
- Lorie Nichols Davies CEO of Holistic Cooking Academy of Canada and author of 14 cookbooks providing low cost recipes
- Valerie Winberg & Elizabeth Spevak provide tool kits for addressing diabetic foot ulcers
- Caroline Chartrand and Karen Curry: Dealing with the Challenges of Chronic Disease
- Joan MacDonald: Inspiring Partnerships Respecting collective knowledge
- Jessica Sherman: Development and Implementation of Type 2 Youth Diabetes Prevention Program
- Jody MacDonald: Primary Health Care: Naming our Practice

2010 Conference Events include:

- Welcoming Reception with delegates, political leaders, film producers - excellent networking and entertainment

- DNIG’s AGM: meet and vote for your executive members and resolutions
- Exhibit area and Artisan Show and Sale
- Environment Film Showings and opportunities to talk to their producers

As one early registrant enthused, “*This is the go-to Conference on Diabetes health this fall.*”

To see a full listing of the many other sessions with international and national experts, see the A.N.A.C. website. <http://anac.on.ca/conferences.php>

Background

The Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (A.N.A.C.), together with its collaborative partners, the Canadian Men in Nursing Group (CMNG), Canadian Nurses for Health and the Environment (CNHE) and Diabetes Nursing Interest Group of the RNAO (DNIG) is proud to host this special National Conference “Linking our Knowledge through Diverse Interests” at the Hilton Toronto Airport, Toronto, ON, October 25 – 27, 2010.

This National Conference celebrates the 35th Anniversary of A.N.A.C., as well as highlighting the many changes in nursing practice and collaborative partnerships in this 2010 International Year of the Nurse. This celebration conference provides opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Nurses and other health professionals to come together to share, support, network and link their knowledge across a wide variety of diverse, yet overlapping health topics.

Keynote and concurrent sessions reflect these special diverse interests, including Health for families with diabetes, Aboriginal health, environment, and the Anniversary themes. Conference details available on A.N.A.C. website at <http://anac.on.ca/conferences.php>

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