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ONA Nurses Voted YES on Our New Contract

The ratification vote held on Oct. 17, 2013 passed unanimously. Of the nurses eligible to vote 85% cast their votes. 100% of those were a yes vote to ratify the contract. Way to go team!

What an awesome show of support and enthusiasm by the bargaining unit nurses towards the negotiation team. The team spent many hours prioritizing and voicing questions and concerns to get problem areas addressed. This vote shows that we were spot on in representing the needs of the bargaining unit. Well done!

Now the real fun begins. Each and every member needs to become familiar with the contract. The contract is nicely posted, along with newsletter for our unit, on the website oregonrn.org.

Get to know your contract. We all need to be aware of what actual or potential problems come up. This information should be presented to the executive team.

Flu Season is Here, Time to Get Vaccinated!

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) believes that all nurses and other health care workers should be vaccinated against seasonal influenza. Vaccination is a key method of protecting health care workers from influenza and helping to prevent the spread of influenza among patients and the public.

ONA encourages nurses to be vaccinated and is working to provide education to Oregon’s nursing professionals and student nurses and assist them in making informed choices about receiving annual influenza vaccines.

However, ONA opposes requiring influenza vaccinations of nurses and other health care workers as a condition of employment. Rather, education and access to vaccinations, when combined with other methods to prevent influenza transmission, are sufficient and effective in protecting patients and workers.

You can learn more about ONA’s position on seasonal influenza vaccination for health care workers, and find resources from the Centers for Disease Control, the American Nurses Association and the state of Oregon regarding the upcoming flu season at ONA’s Flu Resource Center on the front page of the ONA website, www.OregonRN.org
Value-Based Nurse Staffing Conference
with a Nurse Staffing Law Half-Day Pre-Conference

November 14-15, 2013 in Bend, Oregon

- The value of being data-driven
- Nurse delegation: A value-added staffing intervention
- Value-based experience and knowledge
- Value equation for nursing

Nurses think about nurse staffing at the beginning and sometimes at the end of a work/practice day. There is debate about optimal numbers, lengths of shift, regulation/laws, and new approaches. What is known is that sufficient/safe nurse staffing is one of the most important aspects of nursing care valued by patients and their families. The 2013 Oregon Nurse Staffing Collaborative “Value-Based Nurse Staffing Conference” explores various aspects of achieving value in nurse staffing.

More information and registration can be found at www.OregonRN.org

Just in case you plan to be in the Portland metropolitan area November 4, 2013,
You are cordially invited to attend!

Join the ProvRN Advice Line Nurses as they Picket to Gain a Good First Contract November 4, 2013

Providence is holding up a deal. These nurses are under-paid and the unit is undershifted. We have made many compromises in order to get a contract that both sides could live with but to no avail.

Please Help Support this Brave Informational Picket — BE There.
Monday, November 4 — 3601 SW Murray Blvd at the corner of SW Murray and SW Millikan Way in Beaverton 7-9 a.m. and again from 4-6 p.m.

If you are curious about the issues that are holding up the deal go to ONA’s Website and check out ProvRN Bargaining. This is an informational picket and not a strike. People will picket on their own time.

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