

Home Care Ontario pays tribute to nurses

May 9, 2016 – Home Care Ontario extends best wishes to all 161,000 nurses in Ontario as they celebrate National Nurses’ Week. Special recognition is offered to the approximately 10,000 nurses practicing within home and community care.

Home care nursing includes registered nurses, registered practical nurses and nurse practitioners and is a specialized area of practice in which the nurse provides care in the client’s home, school, workplace or other community setting. The home care nurse has advanced assessment and evaluation skills, is a critical thinker and multi-tasker. The nurse demonstrates effective communication, sound judgement, flexibility, and self-direction. Home care nurses practice with compassion knowledge and kindness.

Home is where people are healthiest, happiest and where they want to be and home is recognized as a strong pillar of Ontario’s health care system. The increasing shift to the home and community, coupled with a greater complexity of patient condition, necessitates the highly skilled and professional care that nurses are trained to provide.

On behalf of the thousands of Ontarians receiving home care daily, Home Care Ontario pays tribute to and thanks every nurse for dedication and commitment to their patients and to their chosen profession.

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About Home Care Ontario

Home Care Ontario, *the voice of home care in Ontario™*, is a member-based organization with a mandate to promote growth and development of the home care sector through advocacy, knowledge transfer, and member service. Home Care Ontario members include those engaged in and/or supportive of home-based health care. In Ontario, Home Care Providers are responsible for delivering nursing care, home support services, personal care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics, speech language therapy and medical equipment and supplies in the home to individuals of all ages. An estimated 58 million hours of publicly and privately purchased home care service is provided annually across the province.

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