The Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario (RNAO) is delighted to invite you to a special session on *Strategies to Advance Evidence-Based Nursing World Wide*, to take place at ICN on Thursday, May 23rd, 2013, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. As an active advocate of quality, equity and access to health care, RNAO leads various initiatives to foster knowledge-based nursing practice and advance healthy public policy.

The RNAO leads a world-renowned Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) Program that has produced 38 clinical and 9 healthy work environment guidelines, and two evidence-based implementation toolkits for service and academic organizations. The Association spearheads cutting edge knowledge transfer strategies targeted to individuals, organizations and systems. Key to guideline dissemination, uptake and sustainability is RNAO’s Best Practice Spotlight Organization® (BPSO) Program, with nearly 300 sites across the globe! Organizations achieve BPSO® designation following a three-year formal agreement with RNAO, where they commit and receive support to implement and evaluate RNAO BPGs. RNAO has partnered with BPSOs in Canada, United States, Spain, Australia, Chile and Colombia. In Spain and Australia, leading organizations act as BPSO Hosts providing stewardship to their countries by using RNAO’s evidence-based implementation methodology and resources to support local BPSOs. The Spanish BPSO Host has translated all RNAO BPGs into Spanish, thereby enabling their use for Spanish-speaking nations. Spain is leading 8 BPSOs across the country. The Australia Host BPSO is leading 3 BPSOs.

Another major BPG implementation strategy is the utilization of standardized ICNP-Encoded nursing order sets, a product of the RNAO ICN-Accredited Centre for ICNP® Research & Development which is located in Ontario, Canada. The mission of the Centre is to advance evidence based nursing practice and health outcomes through its collaboration with ICN to map BPG-based nursing order sets and nursing sensitive outcome measures to ICNP® codes. These ICNP-Encoded products contribute to ICN’s eHealth Program; provide standardized nursing interventions that can be embedded within electronic medical/health records; and, facilitate electronic data collection and evaluation of nursing sensitive outcomes derived from RNAO’s BPGs.

This information session will highlight the key elements of RNAO’s rigorous BPG development program and the multiple global strategies to support knowledge translation and foster uptake of RNAO BPGs the world over. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to build on a network of best practice champions and RNAO Best Practice Spotlight Organizations, forming part of an international movement to develop evidence-based cultures, enrich professional practice and improve patient outcomes.

We invite you to join us for an energizing dialogue on advancing nursing and health care around the world.

**When:** Thursday, May 23rd, 2013. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
**Where:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre – Meeting Room 101, Melbourne, Australia.
**Who:** This session will be facilitated by:
- Rhonda Seidman-Carlson, RNAO President
- Dr. Doris Grinspun, RNAO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and BPG Program Founder
- Dr. Irmajean Bajnok, Director, RNAO International Affairs and Best Practice Guidelines (IABPG) Centre
- Dr. Monique Lloyd, Associate Director of Guideline Development, Research and Evaluation
- Dr. Judith Shamian, Chair NQuIRE International Advisory

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