

Hello NENA Nurses,

2020, the Year of the Nurse/Midwife and now the year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. A year when people could have honoured you and given you the spotlight you deserve. But, what has now happened is that the world needs you to continue to be the unnoticed heroes with increased demands on your time, energy, skills, and to put yourself and potentially loved ones at risk as you stand in the gap between the sick and the afraid. Thank you.

As I am sure you have all surmised, our 2020 National NENA Conference “EmpowERed” is cancelled. This decision of course aligns with decisions being made across our nation regarding the need of “social distancing” to “flatten the curve”...COVID-19 phrases that will not be soon forgotten. The conference committee will reach out to the members who have already registered regarding the reimbursement of their registration fees. If you have not heard from the Conference Committee by the end of April regarding your reimbursement please email either conference2020@nena.ca or president@nena.ca NENA is hopeful that 2021 will see the National Conference in Winnipeg.

NENA desires to continue to grow in its commitment to communicate and to stay in touch with you, our Canadian Emergency Nurses. Please watch for our emails, newsletters, FaceBook posts, tweets, and Website posts as we endeavour to digitally reach and hear from our Emergency Nurses from sea to shining sea. Your input, your questions are all valuable and much needed at this time. That “Forum” button on our website might be a helpful site to visit and post to right now.

So, NENA members, stay healthy- mind, body, soul; say kind, encouraging words to each other; and remember the words of Mr. Rogers regarding scary times: “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”

With Highest Regards,

Jean Harsch

President NENA