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INTRODUCTION

The Standards of Practice, Sixth Edition, 2009, produced by the Ontario PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association, provide a framework for perianesthesia nursing care in diverse settings and for diverse patient populations. It provides a framework for competency development for the perianesthesia nurse role.

All information included in this document is a compilation of evidence-based research and practice or, on topics where no research has been completed, on expert opinion and clinical practice experience from experts in the field of perianesthesia nursing from across the province of Ontario. All research results and scholarly documents utilized in the writing of these Standards are referenced at the end of each section to which they pertain.

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This revision to the “**Standards of PeriAnesthesia Nursing Practice**” developed by the OPANA Standards Committee and approved by the Executive and Board of Directors was completed in December, 2009. These Standards have been revised to encompass all aspects of perianesthesia nursing practice in all settings where anesthesia and/or sedation are administered. They are designed to reflect the uniqueness of perianesthesia nursing practice. The PeriAnesthesia Nurse, and Registered Practical Nurse working in the perianesthesia environment, remain accountable to the College of Nurses of Ontario Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses and for Registered Practical Nurses.