

As part of National Nursing Week, we recognize and celebrate the dedication and determination of nurses, nurse educators, and nursing students in Canada who provide essential care.

Over the last few years, Canada's nurses have been faced with unprecedented demands and rapidly changing environments. Despite these challenges, more than 400,000 nurses across the country continue to provide skilled and compassionate care in our hospitals, long-term care homes, and other healthcare settings.

In recognition of the critical role nurses play in our health care system, and to help provide nurses with the support and resources they need, last year we announced the appointment of Dr. Leigh Chapman as the new Chief Nursing Officer of Canada.

Dr. Chapman and Health Canada will host a hybrid Nursing Retention Forum in June 2023. This will be a unique opportunity for experts, decision-makers, and key nursing stakeholders from across the country to come together in support of the nursing workforce. The goal is to develop a toolkit with evidence-informed strategies that employers can use to support nursing retention within their organizations.

I invite everyone to join me and the Government of Canada in thanking all nurses for dedicating their lives and careers to keep our communities healthy and well-cared for. The compassion and kindness shown by nurses do not go unnoticed.

We encourage all Canadians to join the conversation online by using the hashtags #OurNursesOurFuture, #NationalNursingWeek, #IKnowANurse and #HeyNurse to share stories of exceptional nurses because everyone knows a nurse who has left a lasting impression! You can also visit the Canadian Nurses Association to learn more about National Nursing Week.



Canadian Nurses Assn: [National Nursing Week - Canadian Nurses Association \(cna-aiic.ca\)](https://www.cna-aiic.ca)

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