

# Happy Nursing Week From our President



This National Nursing Week, we celebrate the significant progress we have made in our health system and recognize the invaluable contributions of nurses to this success and to shaping the future of healthcare in Manitoba. We honour retired nurses who paved the way and the nursing students who represent our future.

Nurses are the backbone of our health system. Your unique expertise empowers you to promote health, prevent diseases, and improve the lives of all Manitobans.

This year's theme, "The Power of Nurses to Transform Health," highlights your transformative impact on the lives of individuals, families, and the very fabric of our communities, reaffirming your continued resolve and courageous altruism in advocating for better health and social policies to meet the needs of Manitobans.

As we commemorate Nurses' Week, we must also acknowledge the unprecedented challenges facing our health system. Nursing leadership is more crucial than ever at the provincial and national levels to tackle these challenges, including advocating for resources and recognition of equitable access to healthcare as a human right. Furthermore, as AI and other technological innovations transform our society and the delivery of healthcare, nurses ensure these innovations serve Manitobans, not the other way around.

This Nurses Week, we call on policymakers to renew their commitment to investing in nurses, championing nursing leadership, and securing the future of healthcare for all Manitobans.

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