



ETHICS IN ACTION

Ethics is the foundation for all nursing practice settings and domains of practice. The ethical foundation for RN practice in Saskatchewan arises from provincial legislation governing registered nursing practice – *The Registered Nurses Act (1988)*. It outlines that the SRNA create bylaws to provide for a code of professional ethics. SRNA Council has set out in the Bylaws, “(3) Practicing membership carries obligations including but not limited to the following: (a) to adhere to the *Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses* prepared by the Canadian Nurses Association...”¹ (p. 13). The *CNA Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses (2008)* outlines seven values and the inherent responsibilities for Registered Nurses’ practice as accountable and responsible practitioners. Additional resources exist to support ethical practice. Consider these organizations and resources as a starting point for ethical practice information and learning:

RESOURCES FOR ETHICAL REGISTERED NURSING PRACTICE

Saskatchewan Registered Nurses’ Association (SRNA)

Web Nursing Resources: www.srna.org/nursing-resources

- ‘Ask a Practice Advisor’ FAQs
- *Tools for Resolving Professional Practice Issues (2008)*

Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)

Web Nursing Resources: www.cna-aiic.ca/CNA/practice/ethics/code/default_e.aspx

- *Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses (2008)*
- Ethics Resources Listing & Ethics Reading Resources
- Ethics in Practice series
- Ethical Research Guidelines for Registered Nurses
- Position Statements: i.e.: privacy, ethical recruitment, patient safety
- Learning Modules: Bringing the Code of Ethics to Life
<http://cna-aiic.dualcode.com/>

Additional Resources

- NursingEthics.ca www.nursingethics.ca/
- Provincial Health Ethics Network www.phen.ab.ca/
- Canadian Bioethics Society www.bioethics.ca/index-ang.html
- Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute www.ccbi-utoronto.ca/
- National Council on Ethics in Human Research www.ncehr-cnerh.org/

If you have additional questions contact the SRNA Practice Advisement Team at (306) 359-4200 or 1-800-667-9945

¹ Saskatchewan Registered Nurses’ Association. (2009). *Bylaws*. Regina, SK: Author.