Our Role in the Public Interest

**Regulation**

As a regulator accountable for public protection by ensuring members are competent, the SRNA:

- Establishes requirements for licensure
- Registers and renews licenses
- Establishes, monitors, and enforces practice standards, the Code of Ethics and a continuing competence program
- Provides practice advisement and support to members
- Approves nursing programs
- Establishes and maintains a professional conduct process

**Association**

As an association promoting the professional interest of its members in the public interest, the SRNA:

- Represents RNs and RN(NP)s to government, employers, and other agencies in the interest of the public
- Works collaboratively with other healthcare organizations
- Encourages members to influence policy, support quality practice environments
- Encourage leadership and member engagement
- Promotes evidence-based nursing
- Provides educational resources and opportunities

**SRNA acts in the interest of the public to:**

- Review and develop RN and RN(NP) legislation
- Engage effectively with members relating to strategic priorities in better regulation, better professional practice and collaboration
- Advocate for evidence-informed policies to promote patient-centred care
- Support and work with members to meet practice standards
- Promote patient safety

**SRNA is not responsible to:**

- Act in the interest of the member with regard to socio-economic issues. Unions protect and advance the health, social, and economic well-being of its members
- Negotiate collective agreements including hours, benefits, and compensation
- Manage conditions of employment or employment legislative provisions
- Act on incidents of employer non-compliance with the collective agreement
- Represent RN interests as they relate to employment human resources issues

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