



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Nursing Groups Collaborate to Give Patients a Voice

<<Regina>> In May 2007, Jesse was a healthy, fit 61 year old. In June, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). And so began Jesse's journey through the health care system that took over two years, and included four hospitals, two countries and hundreds of interactions with health care providers.

Jesse will share his story in a "Patients and Families First" workshop on March 9 and 10, 2010, which will bring together patients, patient advocacy groups, nursing students and instructors, and other members of the nursing community, to advance patient-centred care.

This one-day workshop brings together an unprecedented number of stakeholders from the nursing community: the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association (SRNA), Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS), and the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (SALPN).

The Keynote speaker for the one-day workshop is Dr. Debra Bournes, RN, PhD, Director of Nursing, New Knowledge and Innovation, University Health Network in Ontario. Dr. Bournes will speak on "Cultivating Possibility: Enriching Patient Centred Practices," along with Cathy Kyle, project coordinator for the 80/20 collaborative project at the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR).

Representing SUN will be Lawrence LeMoal, SUN Director, Patients and Families First and Government Relations, who will provide updates on the Patients and Families First Initiative and Challenge. The Challenge, which offers two \$10,000 awards for innovations in patient care (one for the nursing community and one for patients and/or patient advocacy groups), was introduced in December 2009. Since its announcement, the response received from patients, members and nurses has been incredibly exciting – SUN has received 42 patient applications (39 from one patient alone) and three nurse applications.

Kathleen Peterson, Acting Director, Health System Planning and Policy, and First Nations and Metis Health Policy, Saskatchewan Health Policy and Planning Branch, will be leading a discussion on the Patient First Review.

The March 9 workshop in Regina will be held at the Delta Regina, 1919 Saskatchewan Drive, in the Trentino Room. The March 10 workshop is in Saskatoon at the Delta Bessborough, 601 Spadina Crescent East in the Battlefords Room.

Members of the media are welcome to attend. The workshop runs from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the agenda is attached.

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# Patients and Families First Initiative: Workshop 2010

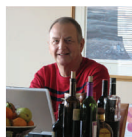
## AGENDA

10:30 - 11:00

### OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

11:00 - 11:30

#### Presentation - Lost in Transfusion



In May 2007, Jesse was a healthy, fit 61 year old. He paid close attention to his health, his diet and his weight. He saw his doctor every year for a check up. He was busy building a cabin and planning a summer of travel, camping and fishing, looking forward to retirement. In June, following a brief period of not feeling well, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). And so began Jesse's journey through the health care system.

11:30 - 12:15

#### Presentation - The Patient First Review



Kathleen Peterson, Acting Director, Health System Planning and Policy, and First Nations and Métis Health Policy, Saskatchewan Health Policy and Planning Branch, will be leading the discussion on the Patient First Review.

12:15 - 13:15

### LUNCH

13:15 - 15:00

#### Presentation - Cultivating Possibility: Enriching Patient Centered Practices



Dr. Debra Bournes, RN, PhD, Director of Nursing, New Knowledge and Innovation, University Health Network in Ontario; and Cathy Kyle, RN, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR) Clinical Educator, will be facilitating a session on patient-centred care.

Dr. Debra Bournes was a recent recipient of the RNAO Leadership Award in Nursing Research, which is presented to a member whose work supports the implementation of innovative and progressive nursing practice and leads to positive patient and nurse outcomes.



Cathy Kyle, who was also the Project Coordinator for the 80/20 collaborative project at the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, will be sharing what nurses in RQHR learned about patient-centred care.

15:00 - 15:15

### COFFEE

15:15 - 16:00

#### Presentation - Patients and Families First



Lawrence LeMoal, Director, Patients and Families First & Government Relations, will be presenting the Patients and Families First Initiative and Challenge.

16:00—16:30

### DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS

