

# ISABELLE ADAMS AWARD – NURSING EXCELLENCE NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Isabelle Adams Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing was established on the initiative of the Operating Room Nurses of Quebec (CORNQ / CISSOQ) in 1987. The Award is presented at the National Conference when there is an appropriate nominee – an outstanding nurse who has made a significant contribution to perioperative nursing in Canada, and who reflects the practice and ideals of Mrs. Isabelle Adams of Montreal. The Award confers high professional recognition by one's peers with no monetary award.

Please include information on your nominee in the following four sections, total length not to exceed 5 pages. Additional supporting pages/resume may be attached. Total points for each section may guide the emphasis you place in the nomination.

## I. EDUCATION (10 points)

Describe in detail all formal education, including institutions attended.

#### II. YEARS OF PERIOPERATIVE / O.R. NURSING EXPERIENCE (10 points)

Describe work experience and positions held (& meets ORNAC's Definition of Perioperative Nursing, including clinical, educational, administrative/leadership & research practice)

#### III. COMMITMENT TO PERIOPERATIVE NURSING (55 points)

Comment on the nominee's key strengths, including: knowledge; practice; skills; expertise; role model; utilization / participation with ORNAC Standards; contribution to work settings; teaching; participation in / utilization of research; and, leadership. Comment on the nature of the candidate's leadership qualities and how they contribute to excellence in perioperative nursing.

### IV. ACTIVITIES / AWARDS (25 points)

Describe provincial/territorial/national/international perioperative or nursing association memberships and activities / positions held, including: participation; committee work; presentations; executive positions; publications; and, special events. Also list any awards received related to perioperative nursing roles, or workplace / community awards.

Nominee profile, nomination form, and a minimum of **three (3)** letters of support must be completed by those nominating the candidate (without the knowledge of that candidate). The letters of support may follow the four nominee profile sections and should explain why the candidate is exceptional, giving specific examples of how the nominee meets each criteria.

Nominee profile submission and letters of support must be typed, signed and dated.

NOTE: The name of the nominee must only appear on the cover page to ensure anonymity during review process (see next page).