

Memorandum

Re: National Guidelines for Nursing Foot Care

On April 27th, 2007 a group of foot care nurses / educators from Ontario and Manitoba met in Kitchener, Ontario prior to the NEFCA's Annual Spring Conference to discuss the future of Nursing Foot Care and how to begin to introduce the topic of National Foot Care Nurse Guidelines for education and certification. There is also support from other foot care nurses / educators from across Canada who could not attend the meeting.

The group agreed there is a definite need for the development of National Foot Care Nurse Guidelines. A consensus was reached to begin this process by developing a national communication strategy that could reach an estimated 3,000 – 6,000 foot care nurses in Canada by developing a National Foot Care newsletter or journal.

In order for this project to move forward on a national basis, the Manitoba foot care nurses would like to take this opportunity to invite any interested foot care nurse (RN, LPN, RPN), regulatory body, educators and/or policy makers to attend a meeting in Winnipeg prior to the start of the *"If Only Feet Could Talk"* conference September 23-24th to continue working together on this initiative.

It is understood that this is a huge undertaking, and there are a lot of steps that take time but need to happen in order for the ultimate goal of national certification for foot care nurses to occur. Kitchener saw the start of this in April 2007 and Winnipeg will continue in September.

Please share this memo with any and all who may be interested. If you are interested in attending the meeting or have an idea for the agenda please contact Pat MacDonald (Winnipeg, MB) at 1-204-663-1212 pmacdonald@clpnm.ca or Cindy Lazenby (Kingston, Ont) at (613) 378-6172 atc_cindy@hotmail.com. An agenda will be sent out four weeks prior to this date to interested parties.