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President's Message: This Election, Vote Like Your Health Depends on It

BCNU President Adriane Gear's latest message to members speaks to the importance of nurses' voices in the Oct. 19 provincial election and what's at stake. We need to elect candidates who are committed to investing in our public health-care system and reject proposals for privatization and cuts.

We encourage you to talk to family members, friends and neighbours and make sure they are aware of nurses' key concerns including the severe staffing shortages that are closing emergency rooms, cancelling surgeries, impacting care delivery, and leaving seniors alone without adequate care.

To support this effort, we've produced a <u>pamphlet</u> that will help you start conversations about the health policy priorities that matter to nurses. Your latest issue of Update Magazine contains five pamphlets. Translated versions in <u>Punjabi</u>, <u>Filipino</u> and <u>Simplified Chinese</u> are also available. Be sure to share them. You can also share our province-wide radio ad on your social media networks and learn more about BCNU election priorities on our provincial election webpage, where you can read about the parties' positions on these key health-care issues.

Read the full Message from the President.

Don't forget to vote! Bring your ID and your Where to Vote card to help make voting faster and easier. If you do not receive a Where to Vote card by mail, or are not yet registered, you can still register in person when you go to vote. Learn more at <u>Elections BC</u>.

Volunteer at the Grey Cup Festival

Retired members are invited to join BCNU at the Grey Cup Festival in Vancouver from Nov. 13-16. Volunteer members will be on-site to share the promise of minimum nurse-to-patient ratios with festival goers, and to conduct blood pressure checks. We are looking for another 50 volunteers. Interested? Learn more and sign up for a volunteer shift today.

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