



915 Lee Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016-6565
Telephone: 847/460-4000
Fax: 847/460-4001
Web site: www.ena.org

October 30, 2009

Dear ENA Injury Prevention Chairperson (EICs),

The Injury Prevention Institute/ EN CARE is undergoing some important changes that I would like to share with you. Over the last eighteen months, ENA staff in collaboration with the Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) conducted strategic planning to better align the IP Institute with the overall ENA strategic framework. Last July 2009, the revised vision, mission, and goals were approved by the ENA Board of Directors. Just as proposed, the ENA Board recognized the need for greater focus on injury prevention interventions that can be delivered within the emergency department (ED) setting, including those that address occupational safety. This shift in focus from the community to the ED setting will allow us to target our efforts toward improving health and safety for ED nurses, the workplace environment, and ultimately the patients who are seen in emergency departments.

To better align injury prevention activities with the overall ENA strategic framework, the ENA Board recommended that the Injury Prevention Institute become fully integrated within the newly approved Institute for Quality and Safety (IQS). The IQS will become operational in 2010 and will be comprised of three main components: nursing practice, patient safety and quality care, and health promotion and safety (injury prevention). The terminology "health and safety" will be used to refer to injury prevention since it conveys a more holistic approach to injury and disease prevention. The initial roll out will begin with the Leadership Conference in February with all injury prevention activities transitioned within the IQS at the end of March 2010. This merger will bring injury prevention into the core of ENA's overall strategic framework—safe emergency nursing practice and safe care.

Injury prevention initiatives and programs are still ongoing and we encourage you to continue utilizing them, whether in the community or the ED setting. It is still important for us to capture data on your injury prevention activities, so please continue to submit that information via the online reporting tool. We want to remind you of the most current programs the ENA Injury Prevention Institute offers, all of which include components related to delivering injury prevention programs in **both the community and ED settings**.

- *STOP Injuries* (Strategic Thinking On Prevention of Injuries)
- Alcohol Education Prevention: SBIRT Toolkit and *Choices for Living*
- Healthy Aging: *Stand Strong for Life* (Falls Prevention) and *SAFER Medication*
- Suicide Prevention Triage and Risk Assessment Guides
- Safer Hand-off Guidelines for Older Adult Patients (coming soon)

As always, we value your leadership contributions and appreciate your continued support. We look forward to continue working with you all as we embark in this new direction. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David A. Westman, CPA, MBA
Executive Director
Emergency Nurses Association

Pierre Désy, MPH, CAE
Director, Injury Prevention Institute/ EN CARE
Emergency Nurses Association