

Study findings present opportunities for improvement



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(Tuesday, May 25, 2004) — “The Canadian Adverse Events Study presents an opportunity to improve our health care system”, says Anne Coghlan, the Executive Director of the College of Nurses of Ontario. The study, reported May 25th in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, examines the frequency, nature and outcomes of adverse events in Canadian hospitals.

The study reports that approximately 37 percent of all adverse events occurring in Canadian hospitals are preventable. CNO will be working with nurses and other stakeholders to ensure that strategies are put in place to address preventable adverse events.

As the regulatory body for nurses in Ontario, the College works with nurses and employers to create work environments with systems in place to support safe and effective care. “This study provides us with a new opportunity to partner with our colleagues to create the safest possible health care system,” says Coghlan.

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