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Dear Ms. Ferguson:

On behalf of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), I would like to officially notify you that perianesthesia nursing has been designated for CNA certification. Congratulations to you and your dedicated certification committee members and to the perianesthesia nurses from across Canada who worked so diligently to achieve this designation status. This is a milestone in the history of the CNA Certification Program as perianesthesia nursing becomes the 20th nursing specialty/area of nursing practice within the program.

CNA continues its commitment to the certification program and the continued development of nursing excellence in Canada. As outlined in the *Designation for CNA Certification* document, once designated for CNA certification, CNA will determine when examination development will begin based on current CNA priorities and financial resources. For your information, the CNA Certification Program is undergoing an operational review to help inform program planning and the development of a five-year business plan.

Once again, I extend my congratulations to you and your committee for achieving this goal. We look forward to working with you and the perianesthesia nurses of Canada!

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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