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**Definitions:**

**Best Practice:** request a definition from ICN or WHO

**ICPAN Forum: an Internet discussion group for participants with common interests in perianaesthesia nursing**

**Media:** any form of publicly accessible communication or expression of ideas.

**Process of Change:** the process of changing and becoming larger, stronger, or more impressive, successful, or advanced, or of causing somebody or something to change in this way

**Social Media Policy:** an internet website or internal or external platform that allows for the creation and exchange of user-generated content. Social media includes, but is not limited to, social networking, blogging, microblogging, video hosting, wikis, and social bookmarking.

**Purpose:**

To provide direction to those who access and participate in any ICPAN social media forum.

**Objectives:**

* To provide a platform for member’s exchange of information and ideas
* To develop improved ways for perianaesthesia nurses to network
* To share best practices in perianaesthesia nursing
* To facilitate the process of change to advance perianaesthesia nursing world-wide
* To establish and use contacts for information, support and other assistance

**Persons Affected:**

* ICPAN members
* Those interested in the art and science of PeriAnaesthesia Nursing
* The public

Responsibilities:

It is expected that all who use ICPAN social media will:

* Act ethically, with integrity and honesty, in the best interests of ICPAN at all times
* Respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to all persons
* Be polite and courteous in order that a safe and productive forum be maintained
* Engage in constructive messaging that will benefit the group
* Avoid malicious, inflammatory and threatening posts
* Refrain from discrimination and characterizing other contributors with negative labels
* Report improper or abusive content to the forum moderator or administrator

Discipline or Consequences of Improper Conduct

* The forum moderator or the administrator will use their discretion when dealing with abusive postings.