



Sim Wars
Oct. 2025
Nurses from
around the
province came
together to
participate in
Simulations that
promoted
collaboration and
education



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Snips and
Snaps
Winter 2025



*Tiina Kokko
NORNA Promising Star*

I am writing to enthusiastically recognize and commend Tiina Kokko for her outstanding contributions and exemplary performance as a perioperative nurse within our Level 1 Trauma Center. Despite having worked in the operating room for less than one year, she has already distinguished herself as a highly capable and dedicated member of our team.

Tiina Kokko completed the Edmonton Zone Perioperative Program through MacEwan University, where she demonstrated a strong foundation in evidence-based practice and a passion for surgical nursing. Even during her student observation days, she showed remarkable initiative and enthusiasm, eager to jump in and contribute wherever possible as an early indication of the promise she continues to fulfill.

Her transition into practice has been seamless. She excelled during her orientation and quickly became known for her strong clinical skills, professionalism, and collaborative spirit. One of her notable contributions includes developing a comprehensive presentation on the anatomy of the hand, which has been used to support our staff through orientation and the plastics service in trauma-related hand surgeries. She has also volunteered her time and expertise to assist in creating orientation materials for new staff, further demonstrating her commitment to team development and patient care.

A pleasure to work with, Tiina Kokko consistently sets high expectations for herself and strives for excellence in all she does. Her love for the operating room and the work we do is evident, and she is already showing the qualities of a future leader in perioperative nursing.

Tiina is the kind of nurse every team hopes to have skilled, compassionate, and driven to make a difference.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Tiina Kokko for ORNAA's Promising Star Award. She is a remarkable asset to our team and to the profession. I am confident she will continue to make significant contributions to perioperative nursing and exemplify the values of ORNAA. I cannot wait to see where she will go with her drive and enthusiasm.



*Nurses in Brooks Celebrating
Perioperative Nurses Week*