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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to you in your capacity as Anesthesiologist-in-Chief of the Pembroke Regional Hospital. The purpose of this letter is twofold. Firstly, it is to introduce you to the current initiatives of Ontario's Anesthesiologists, A Section of the OMA. Additionally, we wish to solicit your participation in a forum we are launching to connect Anesthesia Leaders across the province.

We expect by now you are familiar with our ***Beyond the Mask; Anesthesia 20:20*** initiative and its goal of increasing the presence and stature of the Anesthesiologists in the health care system. A Working Group has been formed with representation from many pockets of the province. The Group has unanimously agreed that its first project will be the implementation of the top 5 Canadian Anesthesiologists Society *Choosing Wisely Canada Don'ts* with respect to preoperative testing. However, this initiative will not achieve maximal impact without your help and support. You are a leader in the Anesthesia Community and your department members will follow you and support the initiative if they see you as a champion. Currently, no one at your institution has stepped forward to help lead this initiative. Our ask is that you nominate a member of your Department who has shown a particular interest in this area for this important role. If you attended the Chief's lunch at last September's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Ontario Anesthesia Meeting, you heard about the excitement in many Departments across the Province for this initiative and we wish to build on this momentum.

Secondly, the Section Executive is revitalizing the Anesthesiologist-in-Chief discussion group. This discussion group was active for several years and many found it a very useful platform to seek advice and support from peers. The Executive will be enhancing the value of this forum by creating a repository of supportive documentation (policies, medical directives, protocols) and contact information for content experts within the Anesthesia community. We strongly believe that an active and engaged group of Chiefs will be key to our collective future successes. We are currently working out the final details for the platform so please stay tuned for further information.

We really want to get your feedback. Please see below for our contact information and please share your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Steve Brown

Paul Tenenbein

Chris Harle

Dave Neilipovitz

*The Beyond the Mask Leadership Team*

