## Larissa Gadsby, RN (EC), BScN, MScN, NP-Pediatrics

Bio:

Larissa has worked as a paediatric nurse for the past eight years. Her experience ranges from general paediatrics, oncology/hematology, and neurology. She completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees at McMaster University, as well as a Post Masters Nurse Practitioner Diploma from the University of Toronto. She is currently practicing as a Nurse Practitioner in paediatric neurology at McMaster Children's Hospital. Through caring for children with chronic illness, she has developed strong advocacy skills and a rich understanding of the various gaps and barriers in services for many children and their families. Since attending an RNAO Board of Director's student placement in 2010, she has been interested in influencing policy and speaking out for nursing and the health of Ontarians. Her involvement with RNAO includes being on the Pediatric Nurses Interest Group as Education Officer, President, and Past President. She currently acts as the Region 4 Representative to the RNAO Board of Directors and is the Nurse Practitioner Interest Group Co-chair.

