



The College of  
Physicians and Surgeons  
of Newfoundland and Labrador

## Physician Peer Assessment Pilot Project

### Notice to College Members

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October 10, 2019

As part of its mandate to regulate the practice of medicine in the public interest, the College administers a program of physician peer assessment. As we have been communicating, the College has withdrawn from the Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review program (APMPR) and is in the process of developing its own physician peer review program, known as **Physician Peer Review Newfoundland and Labrador (PPR-NL)**.

PPR-NL will align with work being done by fellow medical regulatory authorities in Canada. By providing targeted support and feedback customized to individual needs, PPR-NL will help physicians maintain a standard level of practice while also identifying opportunities for improvement.

PPR-NL will be piloted by family physicians first, starting in January 2020. Feedback obtained from the pilot will help ensure that new tools and processes work as intended prior to deployment.

The College will be seeking physician volunteers to participate in the pilot and also seeking physicians to act as assessors for the program. The pilot will consist of an orientation session for participants followed by a coordinated testing of the assessment tools.

The College will communicate with members again in the coming weeks to begin recruiting family physicians to participate in the pilot and to act as assessors. For further information about PPR-NL or about the opportunity to participate, please contact Brian Bennett, Director of Quality, by email at [bbennett@cpsnl.ca](mailto:bbennett@cpsnl.ca) or by telephone at (709) 726-8546.

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