

SEPTEMBER 2019 UPDATE



OFFICE UPDATE

Regular weekday hours
have resumed
(8:30 to 4:30).

Full occupancy of renovated
offices on September 30.

OCT. 1

2020 licence
renewal process OPENS.
See gold box (right) for
additional important dates.

OCT. 23 TO NOV. 8 (12:30 PM)

College Council
nominations call OPEN

NOV. 13 TO DEC. 1 (MIDNIGHT)

College Council
election (voting) OPEN

DEC. 7

Q4 Council meeting
Gardiner Centre
MUN, St. John's

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Highlights: 2019 Q3 Council Meeting

The College's second-quarter Council meeting was held on **September 14** at the Chartered Professional Accountants offices in St. John's. Highlights are outlined below.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020

Council reviewed various inputs to set College priorities, goals and objectives for 2020. These, in turn, will inform the 2020 operational plan and budget, which will both be reviewed at the December Council meeting.

Adjustments were made to CPSNL Vision and Value statements to increase their precision.

2020 LICENSING CHANGES

Proposed 2020 licensing renewal process and timeline changes were reviewed. **New deadlines** are outlined at right.

2020 FEES APPROVED

After a jurisdictional scan of Canadian Colleges and review of the draft 2020 budget, Council decided on **no increase to licence fees (2020)**.

REPORTS REVIEWED

- complaints activity in the third quarter and in the year-to-date. **Complaints received are down, cases closed are up** over last year
- licensing figures through June 30, 2019, plus additional operational and financial updates
- update on the Clinical Skills Assessment and Training (CSAT) program
- communications plan
- a report on a conference on international medical graduates convened in St. John's on June 25

ATLANTIC REGISTRARS MEETING

The four Atlantic Registrars met in PEI in July with high-level officials to discuss and explore **potential harmonization of medical regulatory activities in Atlantic Canada**. Council endorsed continuing discussions with "cautious optimism."

OPERATIONS REVIEW

Updates on progress (to Sept. 30) on the projects listed in the CPSNL 2019 Operations Plan.

2020 LICENCE RENEWAL KEY DATES

DEADLINE: DEC. 2, 2019

To guarantee that the legislated licence renewal deadline is met (January 15, 2020), physicians must submit their fully completed renewal applications with supporting material and fee no later than December 2, 2019.

DEC. 3 TO JAN. 15, 2020

Application process for licence renewals remains open, late fees apply, no guarantee of licence renewal by the January 15 deadline.

JAN. 16, 2020

Administrative loss of licence.
Licence reinstatement fees apply.

**RENEWAL NOTICES
ARE EMAILED —
PLEASE ENSURE
THAT THE COLLEGE
HAS YOUR CURRENT
VALID EMAIL ADDRESS**

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

A new CPSNL quality assurance pilot project, which takes an evidence-based and risk-informed approach, is on track to begin in January.

In development since 2018, it now has a name: **Physician Peer Review-NL (PPR-NL)**.

PPR-NL will replace the Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review (APMPR) program.

COLLEGE NEWS

NEW APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL



On August 23, the Minister of Health and Community Services appointed **Dr. Tony Gabriel** as the NLMA nominee to the CPSNL Council. One government appointment (MUN Board of Regents nominee) remains vacant.

CMA HEALTH SUMMIT

CPSNL Registrar Dr. Linda Inkpen and Deputy Registrar Dr. Oscar Howell attended the CMA's three-day health summit held in Toronto in August. The theme of the meeting was "Connected in Care." Dr. Inkpen was an invited speaker in the panel discussion "**Virtual Care in Canada.**"

SHOULD YOU RUN FOR COUNCIL?

The nomination period for four Council seats will open on October 23. **Candidate attributes that support solid decision-making in the public interest** include honesty, integrity, adaptability, accountability, diplomacy and humility, the ability to listen, respect and collaborate, financial literacy and some technological proficiency, and an understanding of a regulatory college's role. Sound like you? **Please consider putting your name forward.**

ON OUR RADAR

VIRTUAL DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE

Modern technology clearly offers great opportunities for the virtual delivery of health care. For regulatory bodies such as this College, it also raises **significant and complex issues**, which are under discussion nationwide. The issues to be addressed include:

1. STANDARDS OF CARE

How will Colleges ensure that virtual care can be delivered to the same standards as care given without physician contact?

2. LICENSURE

Who will do the licensing when physicians can deliver care across jurisdictional borders? How will that work? Who will handle any complaints that may arise?

3. DEVICES WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Health Canada regulates devices, Colleges regulate physicians. Who is responsible when physicians relying on devices encounter an adverse event?

"NO FIXED ADDRESS" – IS THIS YOU?

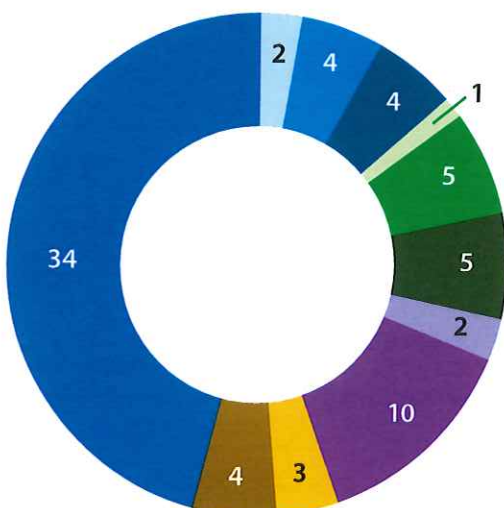
IMPORTANT LICENCE RENEWAL CHANGE

The College will no longer accept "No fixed address" as an address on any physician's application to renew a licence to practise medicine in the province.

A current mailing address is required.

MUN POST-MD TRAINING, 2018-19

These are the areas of medicine that 74 MUN medical school graduates (those who are **Canadian citizens and permanent residents**) were undertaking in 2018-19 during their first year of post-MD training.



Source: Canadian Post-MD Medical Registry (CAPER)

Mandate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador

"The college is authorized to regulate the practice of medicine and the medical profession in the public interest."

As established by the *Medical Act*, 2011