

CPSNL Physician Peer Review Program (PPR-NL)



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Some facts about the PPR-NL Program

- It's about standards and practice improvement. PPR-NL will help physicians maintain a standard level of practice while also identifying opportunities for improvement.
- It's educational and supportive. PPR-NL is about helping physicians deliver better care. It is intended to provide physicians with useful feedback about their practice and help make ongoing professional development more meaningful.
- It's peer to peer. Your review will be conducted by a trained physician peer reviewer in the same discipline as your own. In addition to receiving a written report, you will have the opportunity to discuss your report and next steps with your peer reviewer.
- It's protected and confidential. Under the *Medical Act, 2011* your PPR-NL participation and report are protected, and will not be shared even with other College departments, except as permitted or required by law.
- It's mandatory. Under the *Medical Act, 2011*, physicians who are selected to participate must do so in a timely manner. Under limited circumstances, a deferral or exemption may be granted.
- It's a credit for CPD. Your participation in PPR-NL is eligible for credits under your certifying College's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program.

Phases of a PPR-NL review

A typical review consists of four steps:

- **Step 1. Practice overview.** You complete and submit documents about your practice to us.
- **Step 2. Chart review.** A physician peer reviewer conducts a review of your practice, including a look at your patient charts.

- **Step 3. Telephone interview.** You and your physician peer reviewer discuss the results of the review by telephone.
- **Step 4. Written report.** We provide you with a written report, including suggestions for CPD and information on claiming CPD credits upon completion of your review.

Exemptions and deferrals

You may qualify for an exemption or deferral from the peer review program if you fall into certain categories (non-exhaustive list):

- You have imminent retirement plans and can provide a retirement date not exceeding one (1) year from the date of the start of your review;
- You have just recently returned to your clinical practice after an extended absence of more than six (6) months because of illness, disability, sabbatical or maternity/paternity leave.
- You are undergoing or have undergone a College-directed practice assessment for another purpose within the past calendar year.
- If you become the subject of a complaint during your peer review, you may be eligible for a deferral until such time as the complaint is resolved.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact the College's Director of Quality at:

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