



# PHYSICIAN PEER REVIEW PROGRAM

## Notice to College Members

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October 5, 2022

The College has implemented a new quality improvement initiative – the **Physician Peer Review program (PPR-NL)**. PPR-NL launched in June of 2021, starting with Family Medicine.

Peer review is a requirement under the *Medical Act, 2011*, and PPR-NL aligns with the College’s vision for quality healthcare in Newfoundland and Labrador. Physicians who practise community-based Family Medicine may be randomly selected to participate in a PPR-NL practice assessment.

PPR-NL blends traditional elements of peer review— patient chart reviews and practice visits—with new, collaborative approaches to supporting quality improvement. By emphasizing support, education, and reflection on practice, PPR-NL highlights what physicians do well, and offers practical suggestions for improvements in specific areas where opportunities are identified. PPR-NL helps physicians focus their professional development efforts where they will benefit their patients and practices most.

PPR-NL is not a punitive or disciplinary process – it is a supportive and collegial engagement, rooted in the relationships between physicians and their peers. PPR-NL validates positive clinical practice and creates opportunities for practice enhancement.

More information about PPR-NL can be found on the College’s website [here](#).

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