

MARCH 2023

# UPDATE



MAY 16

Quality Planning Day  
CSPNL offices

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JUNE 17

Q2 Council Meeting  
CSPNL offices & virtually

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CPSNL AGM  
CSPNL offices & virtually  
1:30 pm

## 2023 Q1 COUNCIL MEETING

The College Council held its first-quarter meeting on March 11, 2023. Meeting highlights are summarized below.

### REPORTS PRESENTED

- **Professional Conduct:** E. Bruce updated Council on the Complaints Authorization Committee activities. She noted work is underway to improve efficiency and communications. She also presented a summary of the most recent tribunal hearing.
- **Licensing & Registration:** J. Osmond presented the 2022 Q4 Licensing Report and the 2023 Annual Licence Renewal data, noting that 1,428 Licences to Practise were renewed.
- **Licensing Committee:** G. Hamilton reported that the Committee has been exceptionally busy and that, in recognition of physicians previously licensed by our College, a transitional policy has been adopted for primary care practice licence applications. It was also noted that the College is participating in the development of a National Registry of Physicians.
- **Operations Plan:** J. Osmond presented an update on the Operations Plan, noting that a new format that aligns with the College's new Strategic Plan is under development and will be presented to Council for approval. G. Hamilton reported that work has begun to assess the College's physical office space needs as its current lease expires in 2026.
- **Finance & Audit:** In her update on the Finance Committee meeting held February 24, 2023, G. Hamilton reported that the College remains on firm financial footing, noting that the Cash Flow Statement shows no unexpected variances. She also informed Council that Noseworthy Chapman has been retained to complete the 2022 audit.
- **Practice Quality:** D. Dove briefed Council on the February 23 meeting of the Quality Assurance Committee, highlighting the Quality department's upcoming strategic planning activities. B. Bennett reported on Quality Improvement efforts, reporting that PPR-NL completed 90 practice reviews with Family Physicians in 2022. A report was also provided on Quality Assurance case management, indicating that matters are typically complex, requiring fitness-to-practice solutions that ensure patient safety and support physician wellness.
- **Governance Committee:** G. Hamilton reported on the February 23 Governance Committee meeting, noting the Committee discussed the feedback received during the initial consultation process for two Standards of Practice: **Virtual Care** and **Closing or Taking Leave From a Medical Practice**. These Standards of Practice were updated to reflect the feedback received. The Governance Committee approved a second consultation on the updated Standards of Practice (see pg. 2). The Committee expressed appreciation for those who took time to provide feedback during the initial consultations. T. Adey reviewed the College's draft five-year Strategic Plan, which was developed with eThree Consulting following stakeholder consultations and a two-day strategic planning

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## Update on the Medical Regulations Under the Medical Act

The College is working with the Department of Health and Community Services to develop Regulations to support the recent amendments to the *Medical Act, 2011*.

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retreat with Council and College leadership. Council approved the 2024–2029 Strategic Plan draft with minor amendments.

- **Human Resources:** G. Hamilton welcomed Janice Lockyer as the new Communications Manager, and J. Osmond advised Council that the new Licensing Officer – Policy position has been filled internally by Kate MacDonald.
- **Risk & Risk Strategies:** J. Osmond presented the Risk Register, noting that a Mitigation Strategy section will be incorporated into the report in the future.
- **Public Engagement:** Following a discussion about the importance of public engagement, Council tasked J. Lockyer with conducting an environmental scan of the approach of other Colleges and recommending further action to enhance the College’s public engagement strategy.

## DISCIPLINARY PANEL

During the meeting, Council approved five new members for the College’s Disciplinary Panel:

- Dr. Sean Dillon
- Dr. Doug Drover
- Dr. Jasbir Gill
- Dr. Susan MacDonald
- Dr. Patti Power

These new members join current members:

- Dr. Amer Qureshi (Chair)
- Dr. Lawrence Alteen
- Dr. Gena Bugden
- Dr. Christopher Kovacs
- Dr. Peter Rogers
- Dr. Etienne van der Linde

Council and staff thanked the panel for its commitment to protecting the public and ensuring the delivery of safe, quality medical care across the province.

## YOUR INPUT MATTERS

Please provide your feedback on the second consultation for the following Standards of Practice:

- **Virtual Care**
- **Closing or Taking a Leave from a Medical Practice**

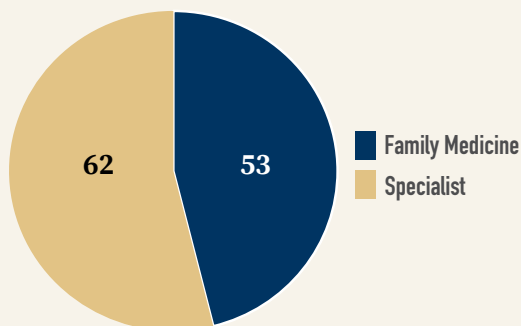
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## REVIEW & DISCUSSION

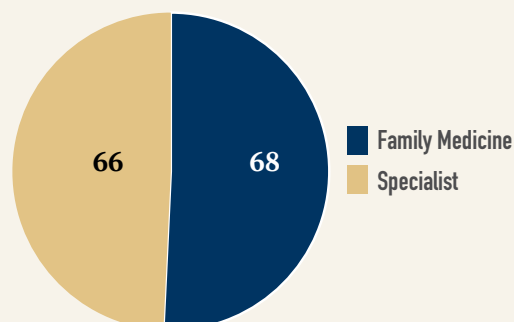
- **Fair Registration Practices Act:** Council discussed this *Act* and the importance of planning to support its implementation.
- **Atlantic Mobility Agreement Update:** On February 20, the four Atlantic premiers formally announced that work is underway to develop an Atlantic Registry in the region which permits expedited and cost-efficient mobility of physician services within the Atlantic region. Our College continues to work with the other Atlantic Colleges to ensure proper structures and processes are in place for a successful implementation.

## 2022 New Licences and Locum Licences by Focus Area

2022 New Licences by Focus Area  
(Non-Locums) \*115 Licences



2022 Locum Licences by Focus Area  
\*134 Licences



**The 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*