



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

2024-Q3 Update

October 18, 2024

2024 Q3 Council Meeting Highlights

The 2024 Q3 Session of Council was held on September 14th at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador, Torbay Road office.

Special guest, Dr. Viren Naik, CEO of the Medical Council of Canada (MCC), joined the Council for an Education Session on the evening prior to present the 2024-2027 MCC Strategic Plan and to discuss collaboration opportunities including workplace-based assessments and assessor training.

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee met in August to review the financial position of the College comparative to the 2024 budget. The College expects to remain within budget for the fiscal year.

The Licensing and Registration Team has created an alternate Fast-track application route to licensure. Designed specifically for Physicians currently licensed in Canada, this new process aims to improve and streamline licensure for Physicians applying for a Licence to Practice Medicine in NL.

Cyberattacks on health-related industries are on the rise. The College remains committed to cyber security endeavours and the protection of data. Recent efforts include retaining additional expertise in this field.

The College acknowledges the work of the newly created Incident Response Team on the successful completion of two mock cyber incident table-top exercises in Q3.

The Professional Conduct Committee reported that complaints are up over the same period last year; however, so are the files that are closed. The most common complaint is Clinical Decision Making (47%). Year to date, one case has been referred to the disciplinary panel and 36 complaints were either dismissed or resolved by early resolution.



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In the upcoming Election of Members to Council, nominations will be accepted for four seats – two in the St. John’s metro area and two outside. Nominations close Nov 1st, voting begins Nov 6th and closes Dec 1st. The College values diversity, equity and inclusion and encourages underrepresented members to apply.

Council will reconvene Dec 7th for the Q4 meeting.



COMING SOON

2025 Licence Renewal: Nov 1 – Dec 1

[Renewal Checklist](#) [Add Reminder](#)

Not Renewing a Licence in 2025?

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MCC Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Click to watch MCC CEO, Dr. Naik review the key highlights in the 2024-2027 MCC Strategic Plan



Donna Walsh, Executive Assistant
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Physician Care Network (PCN)



The College shares a goal with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) of ensuring that physicians have the necessary fitness to practice. The NLMA PCN program can assist with physical, cognitive, and/or mental health conditions, substance use disorders, as well as professionalism and/or behavioural issues that may impact fitness to practice medicine.

The PCN embraces the principles of prevention and treatment of health conditions. The process is confidential, and information is only shared when there is a legislated mandate to report (s.41, *Medical Act, 2011*). The PCN can offer advice, intervention, assessment, referral to treatment, monitoring and advocacy to support those experiencing issues within a broad spectrum of personal health conditions.

The PCN is available to physicians, residents and medical students, and we encourage our members to self-refer if you are experiencing any health difficulties. Self-referrals offer an opportunity to address issues early, ideally before impairment occurs.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the PCN.

CPSNL New Policies

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- [Non-Practicing Status](#)
- [Canadian Trained Route to Licensure](#)
- [Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check](#)
- [RCPSC Subspecialty Examination Affiliate Program \(SEAP\) Designation Route to Licensure](#)

National Registry of Physicians (NRP)



The College is proud to be participating in the development of the NRP with other Canadian Medical Regulatory Authorities (MRAs) and the MCC. MRA onboarding has commenced. Our College is scheduled to begin including data starting in December 2024.

The NRP is the first nationally integrated source of data on physicians in Canada. Built to help transform the health care landscape, the NRP moves us towards stronger health care delivery, improved health outcomes, and collaboration across jurisdictions.

For more information on the NRP, please reference the email sent from the College on Oct 10th or [click here](#) for more info.

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