



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Q2 2026 Update

July 14, 2026

Q2 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

A hybrid meeting of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador (CPSNL) was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at the CPSNL Office, 120 Torbay Road, with virtual attendance available via Microsoft Teams.

CPSNL's Q2 work was organized around a clear priority: making regulation easier to understand and navigate for Registrants and the public, while continuing to support safe, high-quality care in an increasingly complex environment. This means clearer requirements, more timely and transparent processes, and stronger systems to support fair and consistent decision-making.

In Licensing and Registration, CPSNL continued work to further expand upon and broaden pathways to licensure. A new [Approved Jurisdiction Full Licensure Policy](#) was implemented, and updates were made to the [American Board-Certified Physicians – Full Licence Policy](#) and the [RCPSC Practice Eligibility Route \(PER\) Policy](#). The team also worked with Memorial University's Postgraduate Medical Education office to simplify learner registration and renewal processes. These updates are intended to make licensing expectations clearer for applicants and Registrants navigating different routes to practice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Professional Conduct remained a significant area of activity. The Complaints Authorization Committee held three scheduled meetings in Q2 and reviewed 19 cases. While complaints are up 38% compared to the same period last year and are increasing in complexity, the median timeline to conclude files is currently 8.5 months, the lowest on record. This is an important measure of progress, particularly in a high-volume complaints environment.

More timely, consistent, and understandable complaints processes help ensure concerns are addressed fairly and that expectations are clear. New data collection tools are helping CPSNL identify potential professional conduct themes more clearly, which will support future education and guidance, and reduce avoidable concerns. CPSNL capacity was further strengthened with the addition of a new legal counsel to support the growing regulatory workload.

New and Updated Licensing Policies

Approved Jurisdiction Full Licensure Policy

- Expansion of approved jurisdiction training and certifications that satisfy requirements for a Full Licence to Practice Medicine in NL.

American Board-Certified Physicians – Full Licence Policy

- Amended policy to include American Osteopathic Association Board Certification.

RCPSC Practice Eligibility Route (PER) Policy

- Updated policy to allow for consideration of licence extension for those who have not obtained RCPSC certification.

In Quality Assurance, CPSNL advanced work to make oversight, assessment, Registrant health, and quality processes more transparent and easier to navigate. A new [Oversight and Assessment Policy](#) was developed and is now posted on CPSNL's website, supporting greater transparency and consistency in oversight and assessment. Feedback was also obtained from oversight assessors on the oversight process to inform the development of a new oversight report and a more streamlined approach. CPSNL's approach to managing Registrant health concerns was reviewed and information is now posted on [CPSNL's website](#), outlining the circumstances in which a report is required and how reports are managed.

The [Quality section](#) of the CPSNL website was relaunched with an updated structure and refreshed content to make information easier to find. The team also completed work to improve information management, including new data collection methods, a review of conditions and restrictions to ensure accuracy and consistency of language, and processes for closing older files and securely destroying documents in accordance with retention requirements. These behind-the-scenes improvements help support clearer communication, better recordkeeping, and more consistent decision-making for Registrants involved in quality-related processes.

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Regulating the practice of medicine in the public interest.

Fairness - Quality of Service - Innovation - Social Responsibility - Communication - Transparency - Inclusion & Diversity

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Public engagement also advanced in Q2. CPSNL’s Public Advisory Network will begin advertising for participants in Q3, creating a structured way for members of the public to provide feedback on CPSNL policies, processes, and communications. This work supports public trust by helping ensure regulatory processes are informed by the perspectives of the people CPSNL serves.

Across Corporate Services, CPSNL continued work on records, reporting, privacy, risk management, information security, and Registrant-facing support. The team completed its records inventory, responded to information requests, updated the Information Security Incident Response Plan, and drafted policies to protect privacy. These internal systems are not always visible to Registrants and the public, but they support the secure, reliable, and efficient handling of information across CPSNL’s regulatory work.

The Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) Forum, titled *Regulating Together: Regulating Physicians in the Era of Team-Based Care* was held in Montreal, June 16-18. This provided CPSNL representatives an opportunity to share knowledge and delve into the pressing topics of medical regulation. Our CEO and Registrar, Dr. Tanis Adey, completed her one-year term as FMRAC President on June 30, 2026.

[CPSNL’s 2025 Annual Report](#) and [2025 Professional Conduct Report](#) are now available on the website. These reports are part of CPSNL’s ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability, providing Registrants, partners, and the public with a clearer picture of regulatory trends, organizational priorities, and the work being undertaken to support safe, quality medical care in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026. CPSNL extends warm wishes to Registrants, staff, stakeholders, and the public for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Oversight and Assessment Policy

This policy applies to all CPSNL Registrants who are required, as a condition of licensure, to participate in CPSNL’s Oversight and Assessment Program.

Click [here](#) to learn more.



Oversight Assessors



CPSNL is seeking Full and Provisional Registrants who are interested in becoming oversight assessors. Oversight assessors are paid for their service, and their reports to CPSNL play an important role in ensuring access to quality patient care across Newfoundland and Labrador.

Please contact quality@cpsnl.ca to learn more or express interest.



Continuing Professional Development

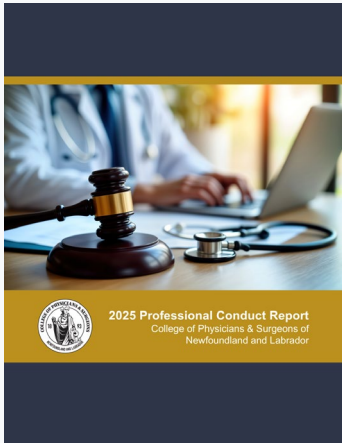
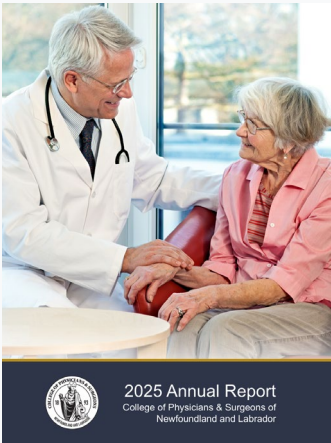
To support high-quality care and professional growth, licensed physicians and physician assistants in Newfoundland and Labrador are required to stay enrolled and up to date with an approved Continuing Professional Development program that aligns with their scope of practice.

Registrants are encouraged to review [the policy](#), their Continuing Professional Development status, and ensure their enrollment remains current.



Reports

The 2025 Annual Report and Professional Conduct Report are available on cpsnl.ca. Click below to view.



Important: Status Change



If any of the information provided to CPSNL for the purpose of regulation changes throughout the year, the Registrant **MUST** update CPSNL. Examples include new complaints in another jurisdiction, changes in hospital privileges, criminal charges, or fitness to practice.