



Physician Assistants shall only provide medical services under supervision of a College approved supervisor. A Physician Assistant shall not act as a most responsible physician (MRP) but as an extension of a supervising physician. There is no pathway from Physician Assistant to independent practice. Physician Assistants must be registered and licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Scope

This policy applies to new applicants as well as physician assistants who currently hold a Physician Assistant licence in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Policy

Eligibility

All candidates for a Physician Assistant Licence must:

- a. meet the requirements set out in Section 14 of the *Medical Regulations, 2023*;
- b. be a graduate of an accredited Physician Assistant Program recognized by:
 - i. Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada (PACCC);
 - ii. Accreditation Review Commission – Physician Assistant (ARC-PA); or
 - iii. General Medical Council (GMC) in the United Kingdom (UK), or accepted for registration by the GMC;
- c. hold either:
 - i. certification or be eligible¹ for certification from PACCC;
 - ii. certification and membership from National Commission on Certification of Physicians Assistants (NCCPA); or
 - iii. certification from the Royal College of Physicians (UK);
- d. meet the College's [Currency of Practice Policy](#); and
- e. provide a College approved Supervision Agreement².

Notes

- 1 Physician Assistants who obtain a licence with PACCC eligibility must continue to hold eligibility to challenge the PACCC PA Certification Examination to maintain their Licence. Physician Assistants who no longer hold eligibility to challenge the PACCC PA Certification Examination or do not obtain certification will be reviewed by the College on case-by-case basis.
- 2 A Physician Assistant may only practice medicine that is within the scope of the supervising physician in accordance with the College's [Standard of Practice for Interdisciplinary Care and Delegation of Tasks](#).

Oversight and Assessment

Physician Assistants who have not obtained certification from PACCC or NCCPA will be subject to the following Oversight and Assessment:

| Physician Assistant Oversight and Assessment Report Schedule | |
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| Year 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one report each month for the first three months (total of three reports)• one report every three months for the next nine months (total of three reports) <p>Note: The report schedule may be adjusted throughout the duration of the program at the discretion of the College.</p> |

References

[Medical Regulations, 2023](#) – Section 13.1, 13.2, and 14

Document History

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