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### *Continuing Professional Development Policy*

Enrollment in a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program is essential for ongoing quality improvement that positively affects clinical practice and patient outcomes.

#### **Scope:**

This policy applies to new applicants as well as physicians who currently hold a Licence to Practice Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador.

#### **Policy:**

All physicians holding a Licence to Practice Medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador must enroll in and remain compliant with one of the following CPD programs that coincides with their licence type and scope of practice:

- Mainpro+ offered by the College of Family Physicians of Canada;
- Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC) offered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; or
- Maintenance of Certification Program offered by the Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada.

A physician may be granted a deferral from the CPD requirements in whole or in part through application to the Quality Assurance Committee, or a committee appointed by the Council to authorize deferrals.

The Council may revoke a physician's licence where the physician fails to comply with the CPD program requirements.

**Note:** Physicians holding a Clinical Assistant Licence to Practice Medicine with specialist postgraduate training must enroll in and remain compliant with the Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC) CDP program offered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Physicians holding a Clinical Assistant Licence to Practice Medicine with family medicine postgraduate training must enroll and participate in the Clinical Assistant member category of the Maintenance of Certification Program offered through the Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada.

#### **Exceptions:**

1. Physicians who are registered on the Education Register under Sections 20-30 of the *Medical Regulations, 2023*, are exempt from compliance with this policy.
2. Physicians who hold a Licence to Practice Medicine with "non-practicing" status are exempt from compliance with this policy for the duration of the non-practicing status. As a condition to being granted or returning to "practicing"

status, the physician must re-enroll in their applicable CPD program and comply with this policy.

3. Physicians who hold a Licence to Practice Medicine that is restricted to Administrative Medicine are exempt from compliance with this policy for the duration of the Administrative Medicine restriction. Should the restriction be lifted, the physician must re-enroll in their applicable CPD program and comply with this policy.

**Resource:**

*Medical Regulations (2023)* – Sections 20-30, and 31-32

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