

JUNE 2016

UPDATE



SEPT. 10

CPSNL Council quarterly meeting.
Location: College of Licensed Practical Nurses of NL, Blackmarsh Road, St. John's

FALL 2016

College elections.
College registration begins.

HIGHLIGHTS: 2016 Q2 Council Meeting

The second-quarter College Council meeting was held on June 4th at The Hub in St. John's. Highlights included:

1. Discussing the need to monitor the legislative progress of Bill C-14 (concerning "physician-assisted dying") and to review the College's policy on this issue so that it is consistent with the new legislation.
2. Reviewing a request sent jointly by the Province and the NLMA that asked the College to amend its Bylaw 5 (in relation to job actions). Council will consider this issue after undertaking more cross-country research.
3. Reviewing the Council and Registrar annual evaluations, which are completed each March.

The College's Annual General Meeting followed the Q2 Council meeting. The 2015 Annual Report, which included a financial summary, was sent to all College members on May 11th, 2016.

WHAT DOES BYLAW 5 COVER?

Its title is "Code of Ethics."
Learn more on the College's website, where all College bylaws are posted.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: SEPT. 10

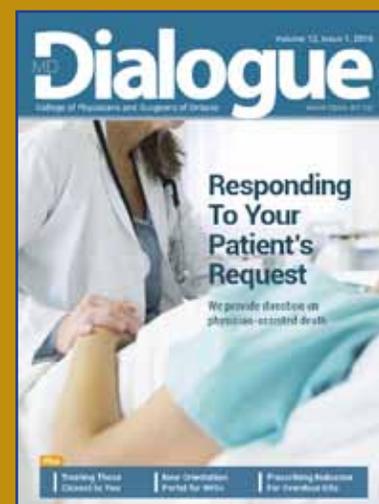
ACTION NEEDED?

YOUR COLLEGE IS GOING PAPERLESS . . . AND SOON

The College continues to move quickly in its adoption of paperless office practices. The new database and licensing section of the CPSNL website—which will include a portal through which members can process renewals and update their own College records—are two primary parts of this endeavour. But the shift will also affect how the College communicates with members. By December 2016, the College will cease using paper mail for outgoing communications and rely solely on email.

All College members (physicians) must have a valid email address on file with the College by September 2016—to ensure you receive important updates about the annual licence renewal process.

RELEVANT INSIGHTS



The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's quarterly publication, *Dialogue*, provides excellent commentary on topical issues of concern to our own College and its physician members. You can download a copy at www.cpso.on.ca.

IN OUR NEWS

STAFF CHANGES

In April, the College was pleased to welcome Lisa Adams (PhD) as its first Director of Licensing and Registration. This new position was created as part of the reorganization of licensing and registration processes that coincide with the creation of the College's new online database and record-keeping procedures.

Members will also have seen recently that the College is seeking a new Deputy Registrar. It will fill this position, advertised with a closing date of June 10, in the Fall. Dr. Robert Williams, the College's current Deputy Registrar, will be retiring before the year is out.

CROSS-COUNTRY DIALOGUE

The CPSNL sent representatives to the Federal Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) AGM, held in Banff from June 10 through 13. All Canadian colleges of physicians and surgeons were present; discussions focused on two main themes:

- identifying positive interventions that Canada's regulatory authorities could take to help in issues related to narcotic prescriptions misuse
- approaches to issues related to the emerging requirements of medical aid in dying

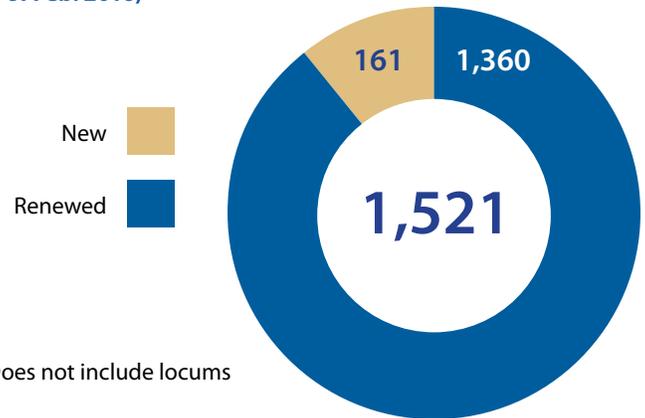
It was clear that all Colleges understand that this medical intervention is both highly emotive and organizationally challenging—and that further work must be done on each College's related policies.

SAFE PRESCRIBING COURSE FOR NEW MDs

Starting in 2017 (target date: January), all physicians who begin the practice of medicine in this province will be required to complete a safe prescribing program. The College has been among the advisors providing content input for this new program, which will be delivered through MUN's Professional Development Conference Service. The program has been created in response to issues related to physicians' prescribing of narcotics and other regulated/controlled substances.

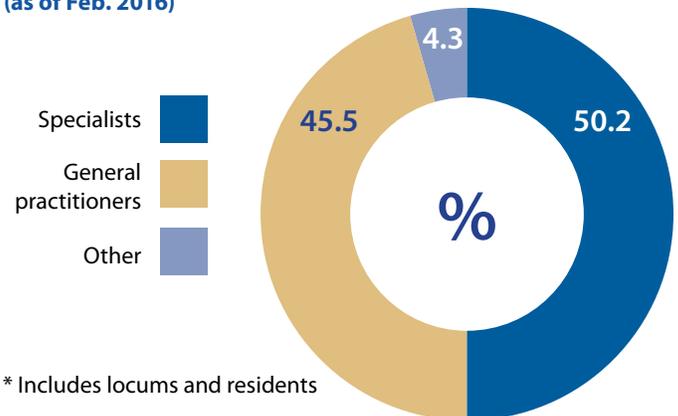
2016 SNAPSHOT: LICENCES ISSUED

FULL LICENCES* (as of Feb. 2016)



* Does not include locums

NEW LICENCES BY AREA OF PRACTICE* (as of Feb. 2016)



* Includes locums and residents

ON OUR RADAR STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

In September, the College executive will present to the Council the second annual Strategic Plan, which will outline priorities for 2017. At the following Council meeting, in December, the related 2017 budget and Operational Plan will be presented. All of these documents are expected to strongly emphasize and focus on Information Management, including the implementation of a new membership-management database. It is expected that by September 2016, this new system—"IMIS"—will be operational. Full implementation will take an additional two years.

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