

SEPT 2016

UPDATE



OCT. 3

College licence renewal period begins (closes December 15)

NOV./DEC.

Elections to College Council (four members)

DEC. 10

CPSNL Council quarterly meeting.

Location: Association of Registered Nurses of NL, Military Road, St. John's

HIGHLIGHTS: 2016 Q3 Council Meeting

The third-quarter College Council meeting was held at the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of NL (St. John's) on September 10. Highlights included:

1. Annual discussion of the College's Strategic Priorities for 2017 (for results, see p. 2), in preparation for December's review of the Operational Plan and proposed 2017 Budget.
2. Discussion of the Quality Assurance Committee's proposed review process for all College Standards of Practice and Guidelines. The goal of this effort: to update and standardize terminology and content of the College's directives and reflect member input (see related info, below).
3. Reviewing the proposed draft of the first revised Standard of Practice put forward by the QAC (see below).
4. Discussing the upcoming 2017 licence renewal process and schedule, which will now be done completely online using a new system (iMIS) and require additional categories of information (members must include CFPC and Royal College membership numbers, for example).
5. Reviewing the time frame for the fall election of four College Council members.

CPSNL VISION

Improved health through the regulation of the medical profession in the public interest

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 10

DEPT. OF CLARITY STANDARD OR GUIDELINE?

In its ongoing updating of the College's Standards of Practice, the Quality Assurance Committee will use a renaming protocol with two main categories:

"STANDARD OF PRACTICE"

... which *must* be followed by all licenced medical practitioners in Newfoundland and Labrador.

OR "GUIDELINE"

... which *should* be followed by all licenced medical practitioners in the province. Some Standards of Practice may contain Guidelines.

REVISED STANDARD TREATING YOURSELF, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Quality Assurance Committee chose this Standard of Practice for its first review. Created some years ago, this directive has been updated to align with the most recently revised comparative Standard (as revised by the Ontario College of Physicians & Surgeons in February 2016). Council reviewed the proposed draft Standard at its Sept. 10 meeting. Members can do the same starting in mid-October, when a revised draft will be posted on the College website. Please email your comments to the QAC (cpsnl@cpsnl.ca) and reference the Standard in your subject line.

IN OUR NEWS

NEW WEBSITE ABOUT TO LAUNCH

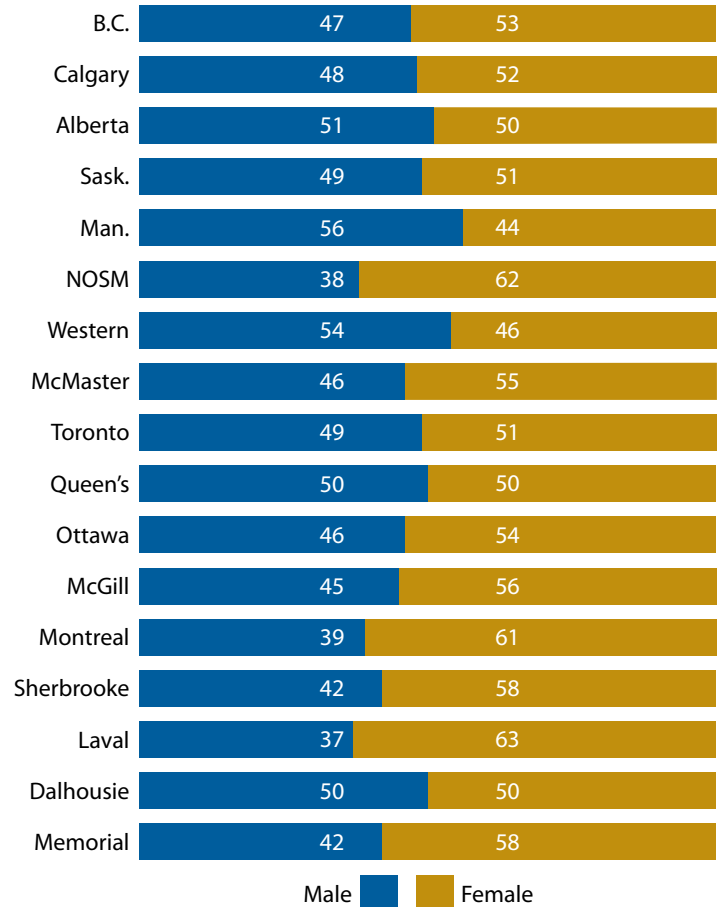
Over the summer, College staff worked with the international IT firm Bursting Silver—which is undertaking the implementation of our new information-management system (iMIS)—to design a new web presence for the College. So our website (cpsnl.ca) will soon have a new “look and feel” and improved navigation and content. The site will launch simultaneously with the new iMIS.

Look for it in late September.

CSAT GRAD WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The College has learned Dr. Atef Tanious—a graduate of the Clinical Skills and Assessment (CSAT) program—has won the Irwin Bean CCFP Award for attaining the highest marks in the “Practice Ready” component of the Fall and Spring sittings of the College of Family Physicians of Canada exam. Dr. Tanious, who completed his Family Medicine rotation with Dr. Carl Sparrow (Corner Brook), is now practising in British Columbia. He is the second CSAT student to win the award; approximately eight years ago, Dr. Sandeep Mangat of Placentia achieved the top marks.

2016 SNAPSHOT: GENDER TRENDS IN CANADIAN POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING



Data from the Canadian Post-M.D. Education Registry (CAPER). National average: 46.6% male/53.4% female, proportionally similar to the figures since 2010.

ON OUR RADAR

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED AT THE SEPT 2016 Q3 COUNCIL MEETING

1 LICENSING & REGISTRATION

- 1.1 Implement new database
- 1.2 Resourcing
- 1.3 Improve renewal timing

3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 3.1 Safe prescribing
- 3.2 Physician practice improvement
- 3.3 Policy review and development

2 COMPLAINTS & DISCIPLINE

- 2.1 Efficiencies
- 2.2 Resourcing
- 2.3 Process analysis

4 OPERATIONS

- 4.1 iMIS database implementation
- 4.2 Operational Plan review
- 4.3 Business continuity and succession
- 4.4 Communications
- 4.5 Information management

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