

JUNE 2018 UPDATE



JULY 31, 2018

Deadline for input on new draft Standard of Practice: “Critical Test Results”

SEPTEMBER 8

Council meeting in St. John’s at Cochrane Centre

FALL

The process to elect three Council members begins (October); the process to renew CPSNL members’ 2019 Licences to Practise opens (October)

Highlights: 2018 Q2 Council Meeting

The College’s second-quarter Council meeting was held on June 16 at Memorial University of Newfoundland’s Medical School. Highlights included:

1. Reviewing a report on complaints.
2. Reviewing a report on licensing stats for 2018 (see right and over). Review of the 2019 form for licence renewal is now underway.
3. Reviewing two revised Standards of Practice (SoP)s, which had been adapted following CPSNL member input, and one revised Practice Guideline (PG). The results were:
 - **NEW SoP: Prescribing** (approved by Council)
 - **NEW SoP: Medical/Surgical Procedures in Non-Hospital Settings** (approved by Council)
 - **REVISED PG: Methadone Maintenance & Treatment** (approved by Council). This guideline was revised to reflect a new exemption made by Health Canada.

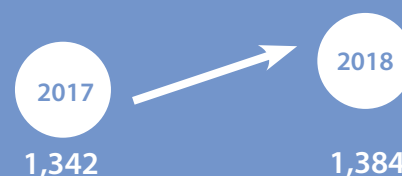
The three approved Standards of Practice/ Practice Guidelines are now posted on the College’s website, as is the “Critical Test Results” draft SoP seeking member feedback and input. Council approved, as ready for member input, this new draft Standard of Practice: “Critical Test Results.” And work continues on the College “Continuity of Care” programs.

4. Reviewing the 2018 Operational Plan. Work to date is on schedule.
5. Reviewing and discussing the annual Council and Committee evaluations and the Registrar performance evaluation.
6. Reviewing and discussing the College’s proposed planning for physician orientation to the practice of medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador. There was also review

2018 Q1 COMPLAINTS

Twenty-eight complaints against physicians were lodged with the College in the first quarter of 2018—a slight upward trend over 2017.

RENEWED MD LICENCES BY YEAR



Renewal of full and provisional NL medical licences for 2018 (stats above) show a slight upward trend.

and discussion of the College’s proposed planning for an updated document on sponsorship, practice-ready assessment, and supervision programs for physicians with newly granted provisional licences who are coming to this province to practise medicine.

As at every quarterly meeting, the Council was updated on all work the College does to ensure that physicians in this province practise competently and safely throughout their medical careers. This work and focus remain the work priorities for the College.

SENIORS & DRUGS— TAKE A LOOK

The Canadian Institute for Health Information recently released a new report: “Drug Use Among Seniors in Canada.” Find it and further info here: www.cihi.ca/en/drug-use-among-seniors-in-canada.

IN OUR NEWS

CPSNL REGISTRAR NOW FMRAC PRESIDENT

In June, Dr. Linda Inkpen, Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons NL, was appointed to the presidency of the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC). She will serve from June 2018 until June 2020.

PURSuing RISK-BASED REGULATION

CPSNL Council Chair Gail Hamilton and Registrar Linda Inkpen spent June 10 and 11 in Charlottetown, PEI, at “Advancing Public Protection through Risk-Based Regulation,” a conference organized by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada. The sessions described various approaches to integrated risk management, emphasizing how evidence-based risk analysis can boost regulatory effectiveness.

REMINDER: FALL ELECTIONS

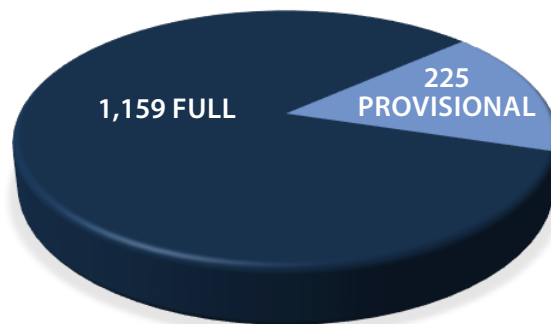
This fall, three elected positions on the College Council will be open for election. Information about how to nominate yourself or another member will be emailed soon. If you have a passion for medicine and for ensuring that practitioners uphold the highest standards and are seeking meaningful ways to become involved in the medical profession, consider putting your name forward.

COLLEGE AGM

The College of Physicians and Surgeons NL held its annual general meeting following Council’s quarterly meeting on June 16th. The annual report is available on the College’s website—have you taken a look?

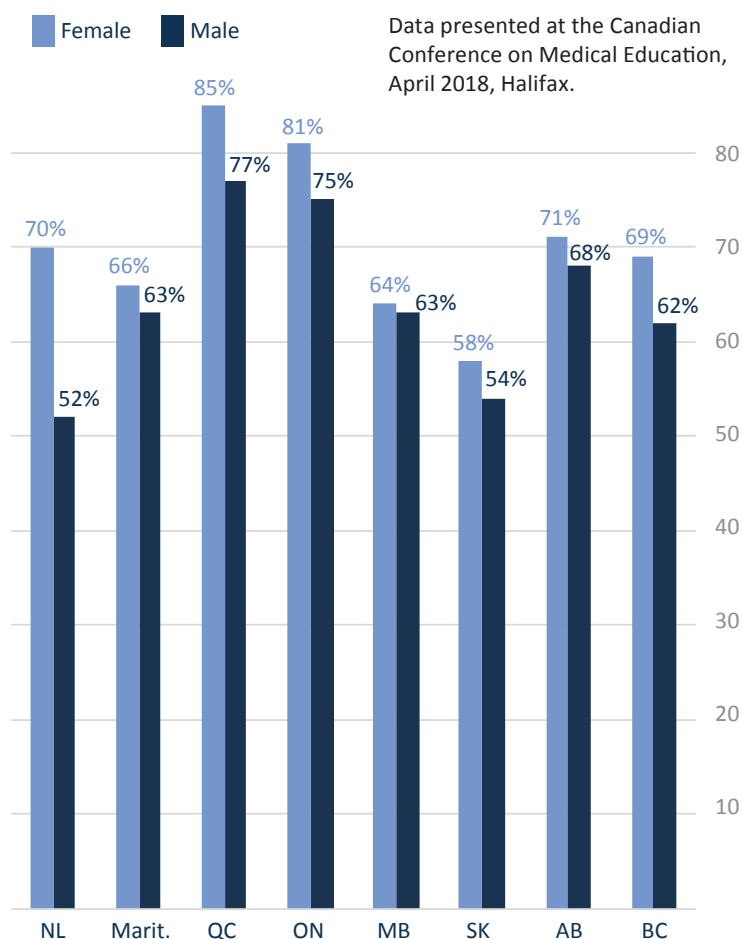


NL SNAPSHOT: 2018 MD LICENCE RENEWALS



For 2018, CPSNL renewed 1,384 licences to practise medicine in this province. This figure does not include locum or post-graduate resident physicians.

% OF 2010–2012 POST-GRADS LOCATED IN PROVINCE OF TRAINING 5 YEARS LATER



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