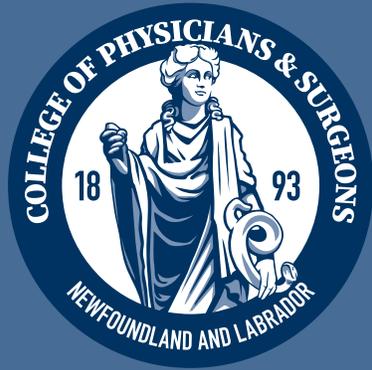


SEPT 2020 UPDATE



OCT. 1-DEC. 1

Regular licence
renewal period
(2021 licences)

DEC. 2-JAN. 15

Late licence
renewal period
(2021 licences)

DECEMBER 12

Q4 Council Meeting
8:30 a.m.

2020 Q3 COUNCIL MEETING

As meeting restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic continue, the College held its third-quarter Council meeting virtually on **September 12**. All Council members attended remotely. Meeting highlights included the following.

REPORTS

- **Strategic Planning:** Council was apprised of progress on the objectives of the 2020 Strategic Plan and discussed the 2021 draft Strategic Plan. The 2021 Strategic Plan was approved; the related budget and Operations Plan will be reviewed at the Q4 meeting.
- **Complaints:** College Counsel E. Bruce gave an update of pending Adjudication Tribunal hearings and outstanding appeals. O. Howell updated Council about progress on Q2 new and ongoing complaints. Complaints concerning professionalism appear to be on the increase.
- **Licensing:** A summary of the College's new cloud-based licensing platform (in testing since March) was given. As well, J. Osmond provided an overview of progress on the **Practice Ready Assessment-NL (PRA-NL)** program being developed for offer by Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine Office of Professional and Educational Development. PRA-NL is currently reviewing ten applications.
- **Operations:** J. Osmond discussed the effects of the pandemic on the 2020 Operations Plan; priorities have been re-assessed and the College believes that it can still meet most objectives. It was noted that much time since March had been devoted to operational concerns,

especially communicating with staff, Council, and stakeholders.

- **Quality Assurance:** B. Bennett gave updates on the active physician files that the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is managing. A draft of the new QAC administrative handbook was reviewed.
- **Finance:** Updates on finance and budget, risk and risk management, and 2020 operations were also provided and discussed.

PPR-NL APPROVED

A full update of the **Physician Peer-Review-NL (PPR-NL)** pilot program was provided to Council. Several aspects were presented including changes to the original scope, outcomes, and lessons learned from the pilot (see summary next page). Council voted to **approve the formal implementation** of the program as recommended by the QAC, to begin operation in January 2021.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Council was informed about the inaugural meeting and planned first steps of the College's Public Engagement Committee. The committee has proposed **several action and research steps** that will provide ways for the College to more actively consult and involve the public in its work.

COMMUNICATIONS

Work on the **cpsnl.ca** **refit** will be completed this fall. Council was informed the changes will make the College's website one of the most current and accessible websites in the Canadian regulatory world.

PHYSICIAN PEER REVIEW

Peer review is a requirement under the *Medical Act, 2011*. Peer review helps physicians maintain a standard level of practice, while also identifying opportunities for practice improvement.

PPR-NL is the College's new peer review program. It is a collaborative quality assurance process that will respond to physicians' individual practice needs. The College began a pilot of PPR-NL in February 2020. It will launch the program, starting with Family Medicine, in January 2021.

PPR-NL blends traditional elements of peer review—patient chart reviews and practice visits—with new approaches to quality improvement. By emphasizing support, education, and reflection on practice, the program will highlight what physicians do well, and offer practical suggestions for improvement in specific areas. PPR-NL has been designed to help physicians focus their professional development efforts where they will benefit their patients and practice most.

COLLEGE NEWS

CHANGE ON COUNCIL

Dr. Susan MacDonald resigned her seat on Council on September 11 after her appointment as president-elect of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association. The College extends its thanks to Dr. MacDonald for her service on Council and wishes her the best in this new endeavour.

RENOVATIONS NEAR COMPLETION

Phase Two of the CPSNL office renovations—which focused on the creation of **meeting spaces**—is targeted for completion at the end of September 2020. The improvements will greatly reduce rental costs for College meetings and hearings, and will generate revenue from other organizations that will access this space.

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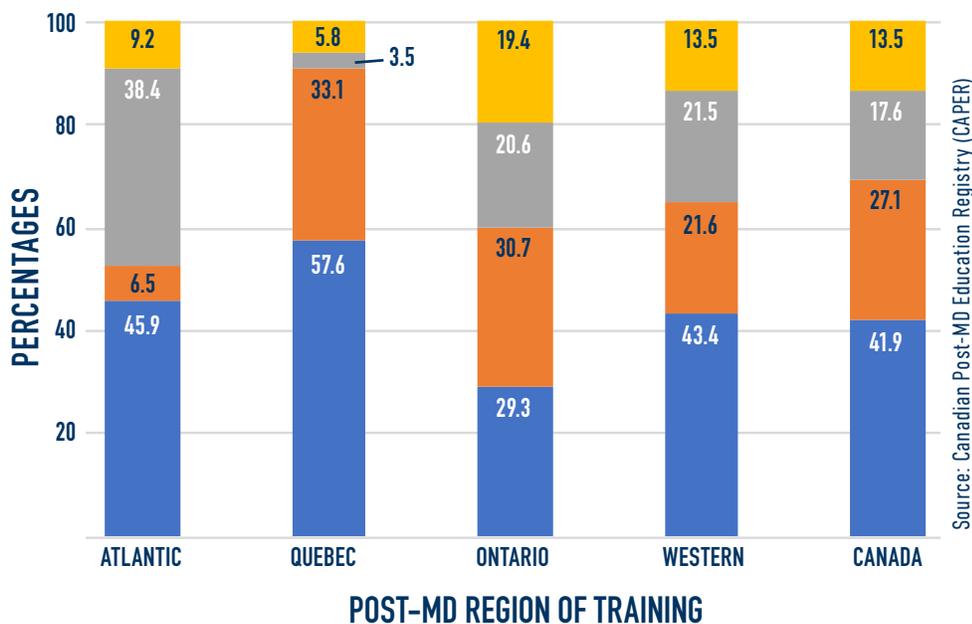
The College has received the MUN Faculty of Medicine's Physician Assessment Training Oversight (PATO) team's **updated draft supervision/oversight program** for provisionally licensed physicians. It is now under College review.

NATIONAL MD TRAINING SNAPSHOT

REGIONAL MOVEMENT FOR SPECIALIST TRAINING

The graph at right indicates where Canadian Citizens/Permanent Residents were examined in post-MD training after earning their medical degrees.

Time Frame: 2013–18 (data released June 2020); excludes Fellows



Source: Canadian Post-MD Education Registry (CAPER)

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