

## Satisfactory Participation in Continuing Professional Development

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| <b>SECTION APPLICABLE LEGISLATION</b>                              | <b>REGISTRATION</b><br>Medical Practitioners Regulations – Section 19(f) & 39(g)<br>Medical Act – Section 1(g), 3(c)(iv) & 11(1)(h) |                                     |                                  |
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### PURPOSE

Continuing professional development programs promote the maintenance and enhancement of the continuing competence of medical practitioners throughout their careers.

### SCOPE

Satisfactory participation in a continuing professional development program is a requirement for registrants under the Full Medical and Conditional Register.

### POLICY

Physicians registered and licensed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (the College) must meet both minimum annual (adherence) and cumulative (compliance) requirements for continuing professional development (CPD).

Physicians must either:

- enroll with and meet the standards of the [Maintenance of Proficiency \(Mainpro+\) program](#) of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC); or
- enroll with and meet the standards of the [Maintenance of Certification \(MOC\) program](#) of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC); or
- meet the standards of their respective Clinical Assistant Program at the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) or the Izaak Walton Killam (IWK) Health Centre.

Physicians enrolled in postgraduate training programs including formal fellowship training are exempted from this requirement.

Clinical Assistants employed by the NSHA and the IWK are required to report their CPD activities to their respective Program Director. On an annual basis, the College requires an attestation of the program that the Clinical Assistant has met the requirements of CPD to the program's satisfaction.

The College will obtain confirmation annually from the RCPSC, the CFPC, the NSHA and IWK that physicians are participating satisfactorily in either MainPro+ or MOC.

Physicians who fail to participate satisfactorily in their designated program will be refused licensure, unless they:

1. provide the College a written explanation to the satisfaction of the Registrar; and
2. prior to next licence renewal, provide the College with evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that they are now meeting the CPD requirements of their program.

This policy is effective as of May 29, 2020. Physicians licensed before May 29, 2020 will be held to the general and specific policies and language in place upon their initial licensure.