

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia Strategic Plan 2017 – 2018

<p>MISSION:</p> <p>Serving the public by effectively regulating medical practice</p>	<p>VISION:</p> <p>A trusted and respected leader that protects the public while supporting the medical profession</p>
<p>WE VALUE:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of professionalism and excellence in medical care; • The public’s confidence in the College; • Accountability and transparency of process; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our commitment to ethical and responsible self-regulation; • Our leadership role; • Our dedication to continuous improvement;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration, innovation and flexibility; and • Compassion and respect for human dignity. 	

Strategic Theme	Desired Outcomes	Strategies
<p>A Focus on Access to Primary Care</p> <p><i>To support improved access to competent primary care through effective regulation.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nova Scotians have better access to primary care from appropriately qualified, competent physicians. • There are no barriers to licensure for appropriately qualified and competent physicians. • The health authorities and incoming physicians navigate easily through the licensing process. • Licensed physicians fulfil their responsibilities to accept patients within their scope of practice. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure the health authorities and potential candidates understand our licensing requirements; • review registration pathways to identify and remove unnecessary barriers to licensure; • lend licensure expertise to the health authorities in physician recruitment initiatives; • identify and implement strategies to maintain access to care when a physician’s practice is interrupted; and • contribute to efforts to make Practice Ready Assessments available to appropriate candidates.
<p>A Focus on Trust and Transparency</p> <p><i>To build understanding and trust in the work of the College.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College is seen as trustworthy by the public and the profession. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share information in a fair, sensitive and consistent manner in accordance with our legislation and policy; and • ensure all College communications are clear and accessible.
<p>A Focus on the Interaction of Medicine and Commerce</p> <p><i>To ensure that the commercial interests of physicians do not work against the individual and collective rights of patients, or the good name of the profession.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College’s regulation of the commercial activity of physicians is anchored in fair and transparent policy. • Physicians meet professional and ethical standards in all commercial activities. • Patients are protected from physician conflicts of interest. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a catalogue of standards and guidelines; • educate and direct the profession; • inform the public; and • regulate accordingly.
<p>A Focus on the College’s Responsibility regarding Monitored Prescription Drugs</p> <p><i>To lead efforts to improve physician prescribing and to protect the public.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician prescribing of monitored substances is appropriate and aligned with best practices. • There is tighter regulation of physicians whose prescribing is not aligned with best practices. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote best prescribing practices; • implement programs to identify, support and regulate physicians where prescribing is not aligned with best practice; • support physicians in their attempt to safely taper opioid prescribing where appropriate; • mandate CPD on prescribing for all newly licenced physicians; and • promote the development and uptake of effective CPD.