



**Nurse Practitioner
Association of Canada**

**Association des
infirmières et infirmiers
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Federal Minister of Health
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Dear Honourable Patty Hajdu,

Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada-Association des infirmières et infirmiers praticiens du Canada welcome you as Minister of Health. We look forward to working with you on our many shared strategic goals and for the proclamation of national NP week.

In Canada, over 6,400 Nurse Practitioners (<https://npac-aiipc.org/>) provide care to 3,000,000 patients annually. Nurse practitioners work independently and collaboratively with other members of the healthcare team to not only provide individual patient care, but also to improve practice and community/population health. Their work is informed by evidence, best practice guidelines and research to develop, implement and evaluate care. NPs offer care in many settings and to many populations, including priority areas such as primary care, mental health, home/palliative care, and public health.

NPAC-AIIPC is the national voice representing nurse practitioners, advocating for and reducing barriers to enable full practice authority. The association is recognized by national stakeholders and is invited to speak on health and social policy issues affecting Canadians and Nurse Practitioner practice. Our growing membership has representation from all nursing regulatory regions of Canada.

We share your goals of improving access, removing barriers, and enhancing the work of professionals providing care for Canadians. Our emphasis on health promotion and injury/illness prevention works toward the improvement of public health and our emphasis on individual experience of health and illness recognizes uniqueness to support diversity. Together, we can contribute to these goals by improving public awareness and visibility of the Nurse Practitioners' unique and valuable role in providing high-quality health care.

As part of this work, we request a proclamation of Nurse Practitioner week November 8 through 14, 2020. NP week will commence the second Sunday of November annually thereafter. We hope to announce this officially at the International Council of Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses conference in September 2020 <https://npapn2020.com/>.

We look forward to representing Nurse Practitioners at federal healthcare stakeholder discussions to enhance the quality and scope of NP practice and strengthen the healthcare system for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lenora Brace".

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