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**NPAC-AIIPC November e-Newsletter**



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## Association Partners



NPAC-AIIPC is the national voice for Nurse Practitioners, with the goal of advocating for, and reducing barriers to NP practice. Nurse practitioners work collaboratively with other members of the healthcare team to not only provide individual patient care, but also to improve practice and community/population health, using evidence-informed, best practice and research to develop, implement and evaluate care.



Happy fall! Nurse Practitioner week is just around the corner - November 7-13, 2021. What a milestone. Just to highlight NPs in Canada, it's been 14 years since the first Nurse Practitioner clinic was opened in Sudbury! In 2007, the clinic offered a new model of care, for 30,000 patients without a family doctor.

Trudeau announced his cabinet ministers October 26th, 2021, and we, dedicated NPs will hopefully get the national recognition as primary care providers in the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Happy NP week from the NPAC-AIIPC.

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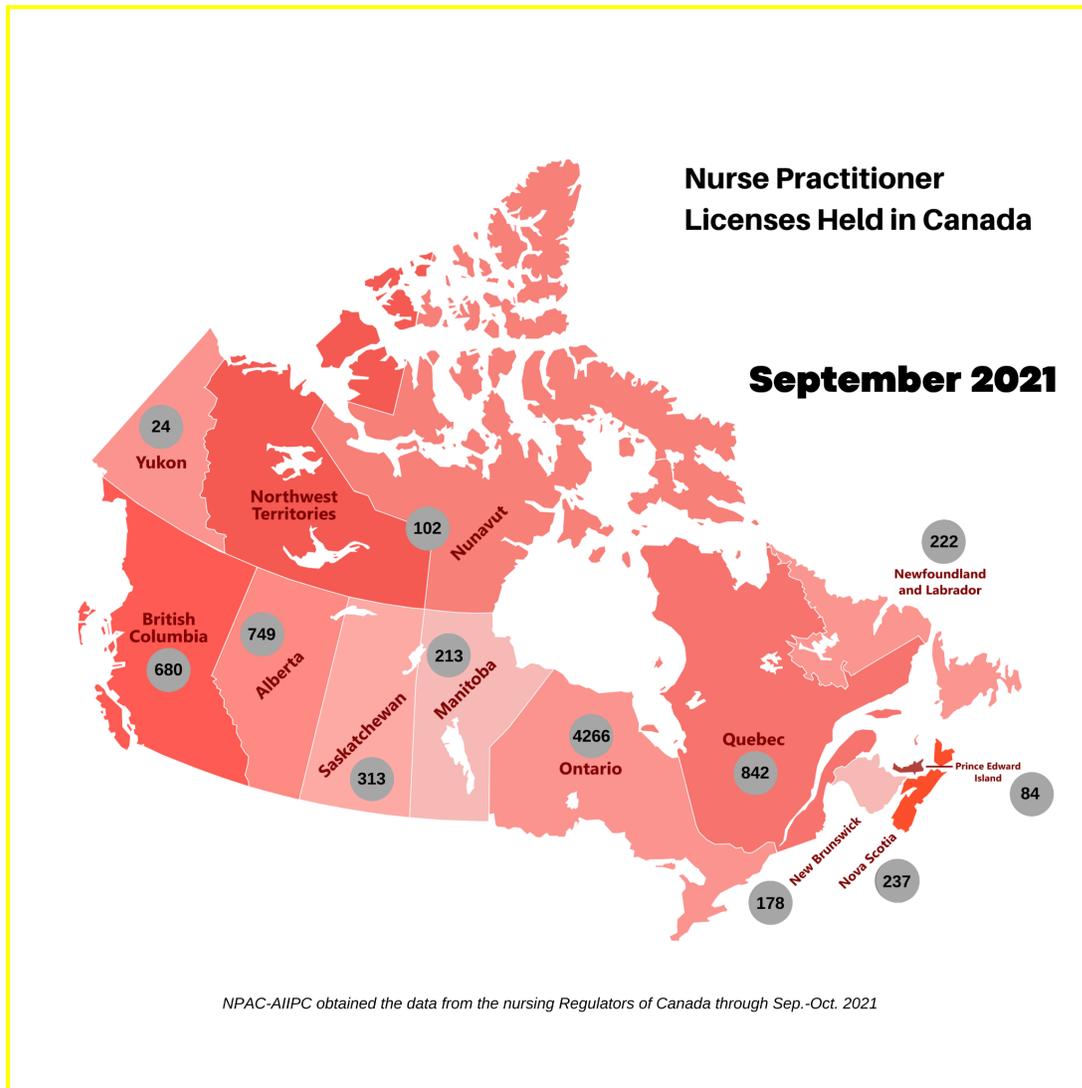
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## NP Licences Held In Canada





## **Advocacy & Health Policy News**

### **Update: Anti-Indigenous Racism in Canada's Healthcare System**

A new Liberal government is in effect however it is not getting favourable media attention from some Indigenous leaderships. The reconciliation process is about acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples of Canada, genocide, residential schools, and unmarked graves. And as former chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) says about reconciliation— “Establish a relationship of peaceful co-existence” Murray Sinclair (APTN National News Sep 30, 2021).

Trudeau has been sharply criticized for his decision to spend the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation vacationing with his family in Tofino, B.C., despite multiple invitations from Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc to mark the day with their community. Trudeau apologized publicly and described the decision as a "mistake."

It's been over five years since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released its report, outlining 94 calls to action to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples across the country. Half a decade later, how has Canada measured up on its promise to implement these calls to action? What progress has been made, and where have we fallen short?

### **Engagement Guide - Distinctions-based Indigenous Health Legislation**

Please find attached the “Engagement guide: Co-developing federal distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation.” Together with Indigenous partners and the provinces and territories, the government is co-developing new legislation to improve Indigenous access to high-quality, culturally relevant health services.

For the latest updates please visit: [Canada.ca/indigenous-health-legislation](https://Canada.ca/indigenous-health-legislation)

The engagement guide is designed to help guide discussions and includes background information, a list of existing literature, proposed engagement questions and a reporting template for those who wish to submit views directly. Please note that the engagement guide is not meant to be prescriptive and can be adapted to



local/regional contexts as needed. Please share this engagement guide as you see fit.

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### **The NP Current**

The [NP Current](#) is a peer-reviewed, Canadian journal with one central goal: to support NPs in their professional practice. To that end, we publish information relevant to the Canadian NP community in a wide array of forms, including original clinical content, white papers, interviews, and more. I've attached our most recent issue to this email for your perusal; all others can be accessed on our website [here](#) at your convenience. Our free subscription is also available on [this page](#) for those who may be interested!

We gladly welcome any submissions that may be of interest to NPs, including (but not limited to) original research and literature reviews. NPs are welcome to submit short pieces focusing on their personal experiences working as nurse practitioners. We also do not charge page fees for publishing. Please see our submission guidelines, which are attached to this email, for more information.

If our publication is of interest, I ask that you please consider spreading the word about us among the NPAC membership and following us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Twitter](#). If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or the team at [info@npcurrent.ca](mailto:info@npcurrent.ca) and we will be more than happy to assist you. Thank you very much for your consideration!

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## Leadership

### Leadership Team Opportunities

If you are a member of the NPAC-AIIPC and have time to commit to at least ½ hour a day, have a strong voice and want to take part in advancing the nurse practitioner profession, here is your chance to take the lead! These activities present opportunities for professional growth, an increased awareness of professional responsibilities, and contributing to the regulation of the profession. The following opportunities are available:

1. President Elect
2. Professional Development
3. Student Director
4. NP Council Chair

### President NPAC sent an email to Provincial Partners

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, **Dr. Stan Marchuk, DNP, MN, NP(F), CNeph(c), FAANP**

I would like us each to consider submitting a proclamation request to our provincial governments for National NP week (November 7-13). Let's celebrate all the great work Nurse Practitioners are doing across our country.



The Nurse Practitioners Association of Canada is seeking National proclamation from the government of Canada and will share this once it has been obtained. It's in a bit of flux as we don't have a current cabinet.

I have attached the draft proclamation for submission, please edit for your respective province/territory.

Let's see how we can populate the Canada map with Proclamations for NP week.

Once you have received proclamation, please send them to our communications director [communications@npac-aiipc.org](mailto:communications@npac-aiipc.org) and we will post them on the map of Canada for our webpage.

Please find below draft proclamation wording:

**Whereas**, nurse practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted health care providers for patients in our province; and **Whereas**, NPs are at the forefront of efforts to combat COVID-19, educating patients about prevention and ensuring the equitable distribution of vaccinations; and

**Whereas**, NPs work to expand access to care in underserved communities, end health disparities and combat systemic racism in health care; and

**Whereas**, patients depend on the more than 7000 licensed NPs in Canada, and \_\_\_\_\_ licensed NPs in \_\_\_\_\_ to diagnose, manage and treat their chronic and acute health care conditions; and

**Whereas**, NPs provide high-quality primary, acute and specialty health care services while emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices every day; and

**Whereas**, the confidence that patients have in NP-delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 1 million visits made annually to NPs across the country; and

**Whereas**, more than five decades of research confirms the high quality of care provided by NPs; and **Whereas**, better utilization of NPs through modernized provincial and territorial laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective and higher-quality health care system; and

**Whereas**, leading governmental and policy entities in Canada, have taken notice of the benefits of providing patients full and direct access to NP care; and



**Whereas**, \_\_\_\_\_ is proud to recognize and honor the service of NPs to our province/territory; **Be It Resolved**, therefore, that I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare November 7-13, 2021, as

**National Nurse Practitioner Week**

**in** \_\_\_\_\_

*in recognition of the countless contributions NPs have made over the past half century and will continue to make on behalf of the health and well-being of citizens in our province/territory.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Announcement of new board members**

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## **INVITATION to Share and Complete New Consultation Workbooks to Support the Development of HSO's new National Long-Term Care Services Standard**

I wanted to share with you HSO's newly released Consultation Workbooks, designed to provide further input and shape the development of HSO's new National Long-Term Care Services Standard.

The Workbooks build on what we heard from over 16,000 Canadians through our inaugural National "Developing National Long-Term Care Standards: Your Opinion Matters!" Survey, and can be filled out by individuals or used to facilitate a group session.

We welcome your support and that of your organization in this next phase of engagement by encouraging the completion of our Consultation Workbooks by anyone who is interested in providing their input on improving the delivery of long-term care services in Canada - whether they are a long-term care resident, family member, health care provider, researcher, or anyone else.

We particularly welcome people who have already completed our inaugural National Survey to complete a Consultation Workbook by responding to more specific questions that seek to build on what we heard from Canadians through the survey.

There are two ways to fill out our Consultation Workbooks:

1. Our **Consultation Workbook for Individuals** are designed to be completed and submitted as an individual, similar to our inaugural national survey.
2. Meanwhile, our **Consultation Workbook for Groups** are designed to be used to facilitate a group discussion of any size.

Both Consultation Workbooks can be accessed and submitted via our website here: <https://longtermcarestandards.ca/engage> by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We look forward to receiving a **Consultation Workbook for Groups** completed by NPAC/NPAO and hearing the perspectives and experiences of your members through the hosting of a roundtable or other consultation event.



We would also appreciate if you could share the opportunity for your members, colleagues, and networks to complete the Consultation Workbook for Individuals, for those who would prefer this option and to help us get as much feedback as possible.

Please let us know if this may be a way your organization could further assist our National LTC Services Technical Committee on gaining the insights of your members. If you would like to discuss further about these or other opportunities to further support our work – please do reach out to us.

Yours Sincerely,

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## **HSO Consultation Workbook Deadline Extended to December 1**

**Ottawa, Ontario.** We have heard feedback from several individuals and organizations that they would like more time to complete HSO's Consultation Workbooks, which are designed to gather input for HSO's new National Long-Term Care Services Standard and can be found on our website here: <https://longtermcarestandards.ca/engage>.

The original deadline of September 30th was to allow for feedback to be included in the first round of drafting for the standard, however we want everyone to have the opportunity to provide their input and therefore will be extending the deadline to December 1st. We ask that you still try to submit before September 30th, however, if this is not possible any feedback received after this date will be considered in our second round of drafting for the standard.

Feel free to email [engagement@healthstandards.org](mailto:engagement@healthstandards.org) for any questions and concerns.

Eric Lavoie asked if the NPAC would consider creating a Fellowship designation for Nurse Practitioners in Canada. Stan offered a phone conversation. Director's support this and a subcommittee would need to be struck for an annual designation decision panel.

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## **Practice**

### **Letter From Minister K. Dorothy Shephard**

Here is the response from NB to the letter Stan wrote and we reviewed.

Original letter:



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tKFRN151C8wzyGKYvVLTvB08bQ9ZIJ2I/view?usp=sharing>

Response letter:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cBORgJajTctonbJ\\_PZmneDiNAA3FfKeJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cBORgJajTctonbJ_PZmneDiNAA3FfKeJ/view?usp=sharing)

## Research

### **HSO developing a new National LTC Services Standard**

HSO is developing a new National LTC Services Standard to bring the voices of residents, families, and Canada's long-term care workforce to the forefront.

Read the report here:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/601d96e4852db61530977010/t/615e3f5fe3553e303bd78eb5/1633566559369/What+We+Heard+Report+%231\\_Findings+from+HSO%27s+Inaugural+National+Survey+on+Long-Term+Care.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/601d96e4852db61530977010/t/615e3f5fe3553e303bd78eb5/1633566559369/What+We+Heard+Report+%231_Findings+from+HSO%27s+Inaugural+National+Survey+on+Long-Term+Care.pdf)

## Continuing Education

### **National Abortion Federation (NAF) Canada**

The [National Abortion Federation \(NAF\) Canada](#) has launched an online training course to help primary care providers offer medication abortion to their patients. A special edition of this course is being offered for **nurse practitioners**.

The live portion of the course will feature experienced abortion clinicians including a nurse practitioner who offers medication abortion care. We invite you to share information about the training with colleagues and members of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada.

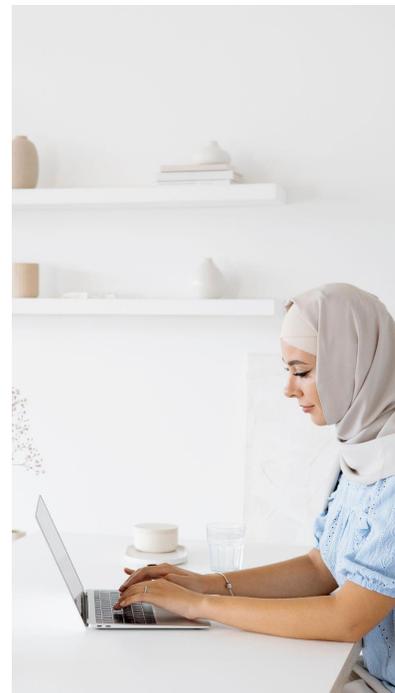


## Learn Online At Your Own Pace

NAF Canada's online training course on medication abortion is designed specifically for primary care providers. Training is delivered through 6 self-paced modules and 1 live session. Topics covered include medication abortion protocols, patient-centered counselling, and how to offer medication abortion in a primary care setting. Up to 6 Mainpro+® credits are available.

## Training Dates

The next live training session for nurse practitioners will take place on **Wednesday, November 3** from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm EDT. The self-paced modules will be available for completion starting Tuesday, October 19. Each module takes approximately 30-60 minutes to complete.



To register, please [visit the registration page](#) and select the Nurse Practitioner course option. Additional training sessions for primary care providers are available this Fall and Winter. For the most up-to-date list please see the registration page or contact [canada@prochoice.org](mailto:canada@prochoice.org).

## Membership

### Update: National Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation

Currently there is no minister until the new cabinet is announced and sworn. Mr. Numan Butt has requested the information on when that will be as well as when the new session for this new parliament begins. Mr. Butt stated that he did not know who the new critics will be for other parties at this time and when they will be announced.



No movement is possible either until cabinet and shadow cabinet (critic for health portfolio) for other parties are announced.

**Numan Butt**

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**Send in Your Ideas!**

Stan had asked for the BOD's consideration to do more with the website for professional development and practice resources. Members only section ideas. This would give access to valid resources for NP members. Developing content for NPs. Create a section for new graduates. The website would also have sections on: Upcoming Webinars, Opportunities to participate in research, Professional development. The idea is to add links related Leadership. Clinical. Mental health & Addictions, Neurology, nephrology, primary Care, Education, Research & Quality Improvement, and Health Care Policy.



<https://npac-aiipc.org/members/directors-for-npac-aiipc-call-for-nominations/>

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