

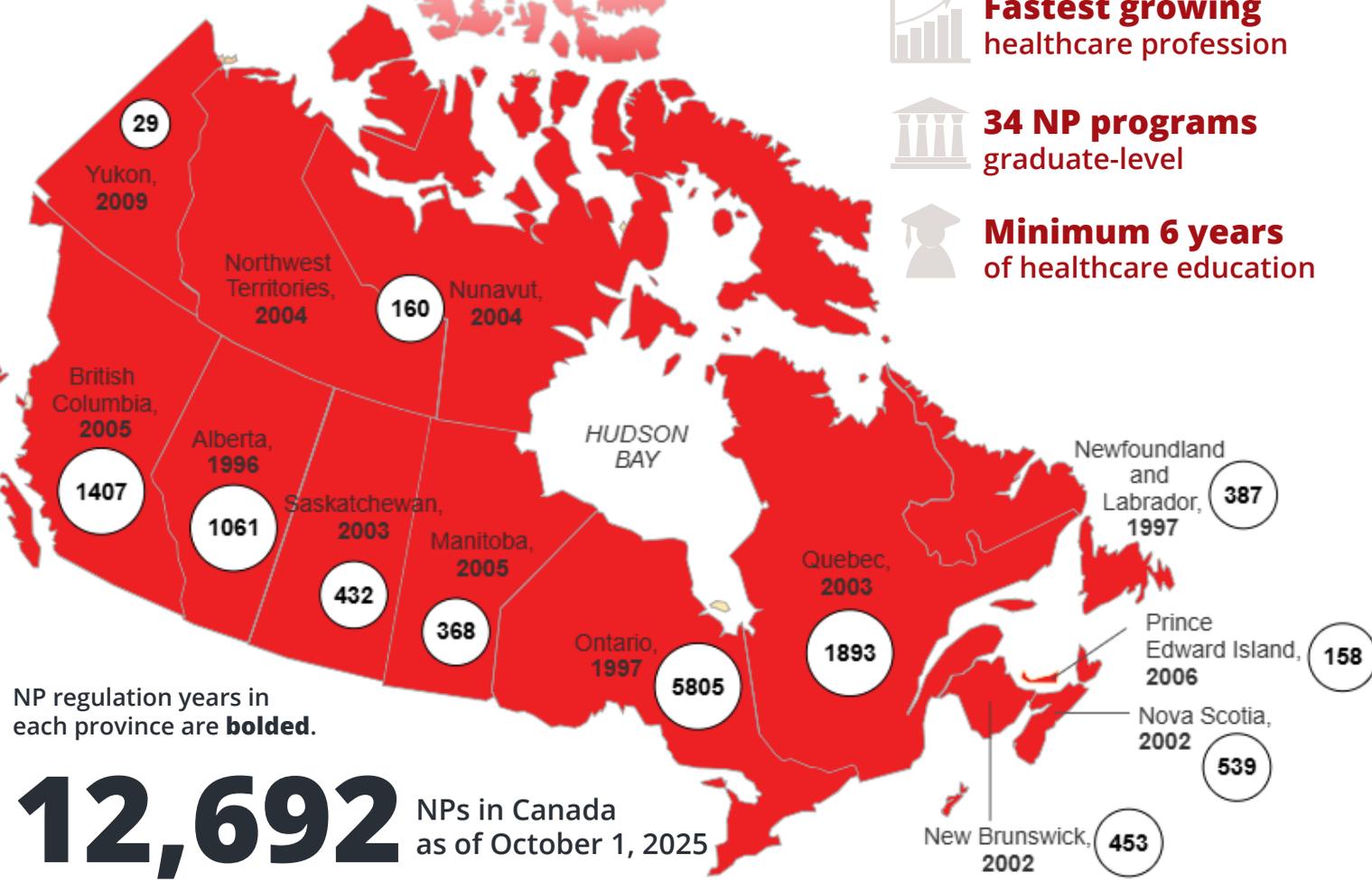
NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN CANADA

Making a difference in your health



Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada

Association des infirmières et infirmiers praticiens du Canada



- Fastest growing** healthcare profession
- 34 NP programs** graduate-level
- Minimum 6 years** of healthcare education

Full scope of practice:

- Perform physical exams
- Admit & discharge
- Order tests
- Write prescriptions
- Diagnose & treat illnesses
- Refer to specialty services

Known decreases in	Known increases in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> falls hospital transfers length of hospital stays multiple unneeded medications patients who left without being seen by a provider because of wait times in the Emergency Department physical/chemical restraint use wait times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> access and flow access to care continuity of care cost-savings disease prevention health promotion healthcare efficiency patient attachment to a provider patient satisfaction

- 1967** Dalhousie University opens the first NP program
- 1980's - 1990's** NPs largely working in rural and remote communities
- 1996** Alberta becomes the first province to legislate NPs
- 2005** Canadian NP Initiative implemented
- 2007** NP-led clinics established
- 2012** Controlled Drugs and Substances (CDS) prescribing authorized
- 2016** NPs able to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)
- 2017** Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada (NPAC) established
- 2023** Health Canada enacts amphetamine prescription for NPs
- 2024** Regulator establishes new entry-level NP competencies