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### **NLCHP Council Members**

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### QA Audit for the 2020 Calendar Year

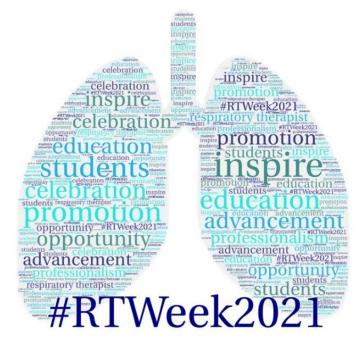
The QA audit for the 2020 calendar year was conducted between June – September 2021. The overall results of the audit were positive with over 90% of registrants meeting the College requirements. Registrants are reminded to ensure they review their College policies to ensure they are aware of requirements and also what documentation is required as proof of completion.

Registrants are also reminded that falsely declaring that you have met continuing education requirements during the renewal process could lead to allegation being filed against you. Please be mindful when confirming that you have met your continuing education requirements that you have reviewed your College policy and retained the appropriate documentation.

### Continuing Education Portal Reminder

The Continuing Education Portal has been open to registrants since February 1, 2021. Registrants are reminded that they are <u>required</u> to upload documentation for their CEs as outlined in their College policy. The NLCHP has made instructional videos to help orientate members to the new system. These videos are available on the NLCHP website: <a href="https://nlchp.ca/member-resources/ce-portal/">https://nlchp.ca/member-resources/ce-portal/</a>

### Health Profession Recognition



Respiratory Therapy Week is October 24 – 31, 2021. This year's theme is *Inspiring Excellence in Respiratory Therapy*. RTs provide healthcare to people at all stages of

life. For example, RTs care for newborns who are having difficulty breathing. They also care for people of all ages who need respiratory support because they are critically ill or severely injured. RTs provide support for those with chronic heart and lung diseases, and for people who may require long term respiratory care for disease or disability. For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.csrt.com/rt-week/">https://www.csrt.com/rt-week/</a>.

# Upcoming NLCHP Regulatory Education Sessions

As part of the feedback the NLCHP received from the registrant's survey in the Fall of 2020, regulatory education was identified as a key objective in the NLCHP Strategic Plan <a href="https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/STRATEGIC-PLAN-2021-2024.pdf">https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/STRATEGIC-PLAN-2021-2024.pdf</a>. NLCHP will be offering two education sessions in the upcoming months:

- Burnout in health professionals
- The NLCHP, the College and the Health Professional: Roles in Regulation

Please stay tuned as dates and registration information will be forthcoming.

## NLCHP Notices and Policy Updates

Working without a Valid Registration

Over the last number of months, there have been instances where registrants returning to work from leave and not updated their registration status from non-practicing to practicing before returning to the workplace. It is the registrant's responsibility to ensure that they have a practicing license before returning to the workplace, even for orientation. Please review the NLCHP Working without a Valid Registration <a href="https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Policy-FINAL-Practicing-a-Health-Profession-Without-a-Valid-Registration-FINAL.pdf">https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Policy-FINAL-Practicing-a-Health-Profession-Without-a-Valid-Registration-FINAL.pdf</a> and visit the NLCHP website for more information about changing your registration status <a href="https://nlchp.ca/registration-renewal/change-of-status/">https://nlchp.ca/registration-renewal/change-of-status/</a>.

### Update on COVID 19 Pandemic

We currently remain at Alert Level 2. Please visit: <a href="https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/alert-levels/alert-level-2/">https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/alert-level-2/</a>. COVID-19 resources are available at the NLCHP website under the news section: <a href="https://nlchp.ca/member-resources/covidresources/">https://nlchp.ca/member-resources/covidresources/</a>. NLCHP continues to work with the health professional colleges to address issues that may arise and will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2021

To honour survivors and raise awareness about the terrible legacy of residential schools in Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021. Marking this day is an important symbol in the reconciliation process and fulfills a Call to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

The NLCHP will join the provincial public service and the Federal Government in observing September 30. All registrants are encouraged to take time to learn about residential schools and reflect on the histories and cultures of Indigenous peoples.

### Interesting Links and Opportunities

- The August 2021 issue of Safeguard, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's quarterly Personal Health Information Act newsletter is available here.
- The Newfoundland and Labrador Support for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials Unit (NL SUPPORT) and Quality of Care NL (QCNL) are excited to announce that funding is available for health professionals who are interested in conducting patient-oriented research. We invite any health professionals working actively in a clinical role who would like to move into research or have a specific

question with a patient focus to apply. Up to five grants up to \$10,000 each will be awarded and at a minimum one grant per annum will be designated for research led by an Indigenous researcher and/or in partnership with an Indigenous community. Visit the NL SUPPORT website for details, guidelines and application materials:

https://www.nlsupport.ca/Funding/Health-Professional-led-Research-Grants

 CADTH webinar - Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - The Implications of Long COVID. The link to register is provided below. There is no fee to register and no cap on the number of registrants, so please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who can benefit from this event. https://www.cadth.ca/events/implications-long-covid

#### **Resources for your Practice:**

- Do you have a question on Scope of Practice for your health professional group? If so, connect with your College.
- Do you have a question on the requirements for your CE/PDs? If so, visit your College's webpage for additional information.
- Do you have a question on your registration/licensure? If so, connect with NLCHP staff at <a href="mailto:secretary@nlchp.ca">secretary@nlchp.ca</a> or visit our web at <a href="mailto:www.nlchp.ca">www.nlchp.ca</a>.

This regulatory e-newsletter contains information on a wide variety of topics intended to enhance your practice. As it is published and circulated to all registrants, it is the expectation of the NLCHP that all registrants are aware of the matters contained therein. Registrants are reminded not to unsubscribe to this email as it contains important regulatory information that is relevant to your profession.





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