



Role of the Regulator Compared to an Association

Role of the NLCHP and the Colleges

The Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals (NLCHP) regulate the practice of each health profession designated in the Schedule and to govern members in accordance with the Health Professions Act, the regulations and by-laws.

Each health profession listed in the Health Professions Act has a college who are responsible for ensuring that the duties assigned to colleges in the Act are fulfilled effectively.

The NLCHP and the colleges work together to protect the public and ensure high standards in health care by:

- Defines criteria for registration with the professional regulatory body.
- Provides registrants with a registration to practice.
- Provides guidance to registrants in the form of codes of ethics, rules of professional conduct and standards of practice.
- Maintains a public register which contains information about individuals registered with the profession.
- Investigates complaints and disciplines registrants as required.

Role of the Association

A professional association advocates for the professional and the populations they serve in this province. Membership in an association is voluntary.

The association:

- Advocate for the health care provider and promotes the profession.
- Advocates for the populations served by the profession.
- Provides continuing professional development opportunities for its members.
- Fosters a culture of inclusion, not only for those who seek services, but for professionals.

- Is not a regulatory body. It is a professional association with the primary focus of advocacy.