



## September news and updates from the NP Council of NNPBC

### SAVE THE DATE: 2020 Nurse Practitioner Conference

The NP Council of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC) is delighted to carry on the proud tradition of the BC Nurse Practitioners Association by hosting the 15th Annual Nurse Practitioners conference to be held from June 11 - 13, 2020 in beautiful Richmond, B.C. at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Learn how to [submit an abstract](#) and please feel free to direct your questions to: [conferenceabstracts@nnpbc.com](mailto:conferenceabstracts@nnpbc.com)

### Recent news update from NNPBC:

Check out our [September 2019 update](#) and be sure to meet our new Executive Director, Michael Sandler!

### GPSC Webinars for NPs

NPs are invited to provide your input into the development of an Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) for Primary Care Networks (PCNs). Sharing patient information is integral, not only for providing direct care to patients, but to the planning, implementation, evaluation and quality improvement of service delivery within the PCNs. The ISA is being developed by the General Practice Services Committee (GPSC) Information Sharing Task Group - one of several groups created by the GPSC to focus on key areas in PCN implementation. The task group comprises members representing community physicians, nurse practitioners, allied health, Divisions of Family Practice, Doctors of BC, Ministry of Health, and Health Authority partners. The group reports and makes recommendations to the GPSC, a joint collaborative between the Doctors of BC and the Ministry of Health. [Learn more about how to be involved.](#)

### Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada Annual General Meeting

The Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada (NPAC) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 22, 2019 from 3-5pm (6-8pm Eastern). Details for joining by teleconference will be provided a few days before and will be posted on the [NP Portal](#).

### ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference 2020

The Nurse Practitioner Association of Nova Scotia in collaboration with the International Council of Nurses and the Canadian Nurses Association will be hosting the 11th ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference in Halifax from August 30-September 2, 2020. Abstracts are being accepted until November 15th. [Learn how to submit an abstract.](#)

### CPSBC Opioid Prescribers Course for Chronic Pain

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC is offering a one-day prescribing course on October 17, 2019. [Click here for details.](#)



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## Other items of interest

- We are very excited to announce that as of August 30th, the Ministry of Health has funded NNPBC to start building a robust NP Practice Support Program and a regional NP Leadership Program. Please check our website frequently for updates on these programs as we begin to roll this out. [NNPBC NP Portal](#)
- It is our extreme pleasure to announce that Danielle Daigle, NP Council President, has been appointed by the Ministry of Health to represent NNPBC and NPs at the GPSC Core. This appointment will help shape the future collaboration and team building between the DocsofBC and NNPBC.
- Membership engagement campaigns have been busily underway at NNPBC, ramping up for our membership drive in 2020. Spread the word far and wide the benefits of membership with NNPBC – advocacy, professional community, learning and career advancement, knowledge leadership, free services, discounts, and CNA connectivity. [Read more here...](#)
- Operational plans for the NP Primary Care Clinics (NP-PCCs) in Surrey, Nanaimo, and Victoria are currently underway and being reviewed by the Ministry of Health. Stay tuned for updates on these exciting initiatives that we will post to the [NP portal](#).
- Negotiations with Ministry of Health, HEABC, and others regarding the NP practice environment in BC are ongoing. Information can be found on our website. [NNPBC NP Portal](#)