



The College of
Physicians and Surgeons
of Newfoundland and Labrador

Perspectives on Health Care

Challenges and Potential Solutions

Mandate

- ▶ The making and enforcing of measures necessary for the regulation and practice of medicine and the preservation of life and health So that those seeking medical care may have every confidence . . . In the care they receive.

Newfoundland Medical Act, 1893

Three Areas of Operation

- ▶ Physician licensing
- ▶ Quality assurance programs
- ▶ Complaints

We exist to protect the public
by regulating physicians.

We neither develop clinical
guidelines nor advocate for
NL physicians.

Working Within Limits

- ▶ Strategic reviews
- ▶ Adapting strategies tried elsewhere

CPSNL Value Statements

1. Fairness
2. Quality of Service
3. Social Responsibility
4. Communication
5. Transparency
6. Innovation

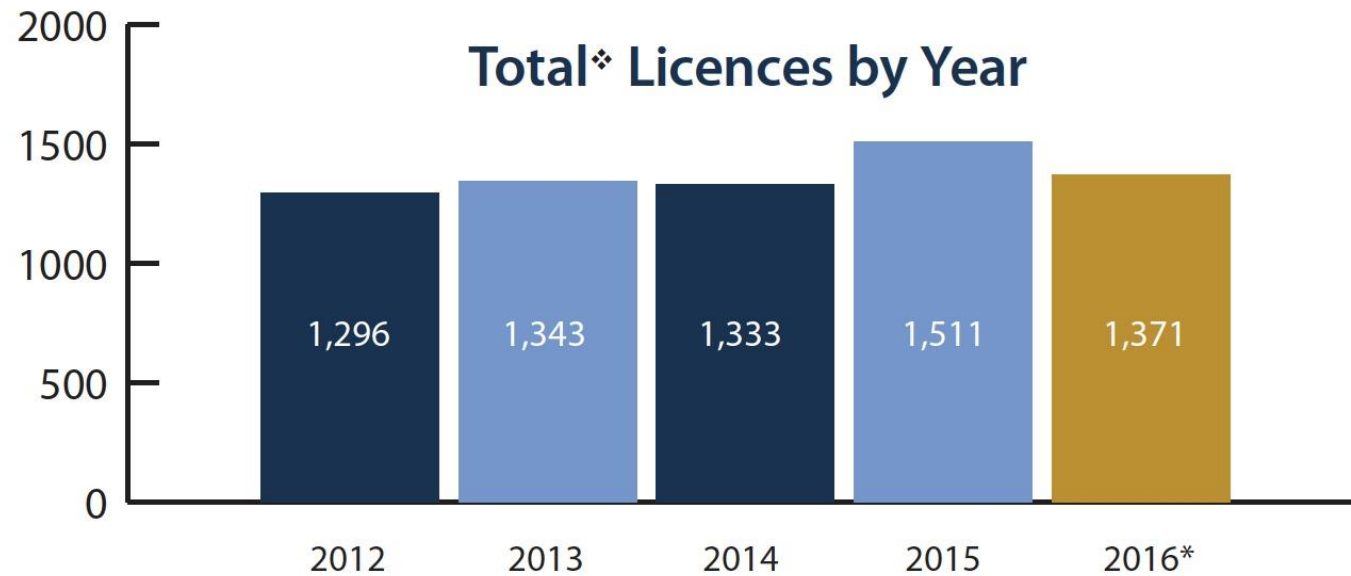
#3 – Social Responsibility

- ▶ Balancing demands for action with our mandate and responsibilities
- ▶ Our contribution: providing data

CPSNL Data

59
new licences
issued
in 2017

1,342
licences renewed
in 2017



* Does not include locums.

CPSNL Data



WHO WE ARE / MEMBERSHIP

38.4 % female

male 61.6 %

Includes locums and residents



MEMBERSHIP / SOURCE OF MEDICAL DEGREE

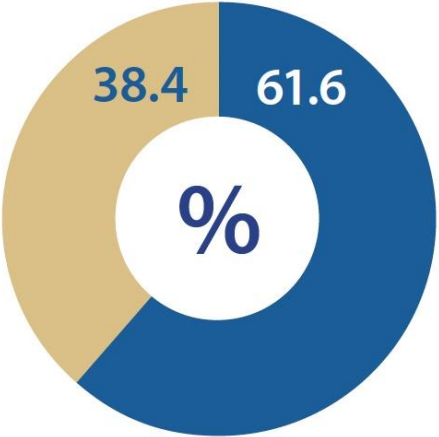
Canadian



International



Does not include residents



CPSNL Data

604
licences for
locums issued
in 2017

29
new provisional
licences issued
in 2017

241
post-graduate education
licences issued
in 2017

63
undergraduate elective
registrants
in 2017

Value #4 – Communication #5 – Transparency

- ▶ Better inform the public, and members and partners
- ▶ Share information

“Quality, informed medical care promotes a cost-effective health care system.”

Value #6 – Innovation

- ▶ Applying an “innovation screen” to all endeavours
- ▶ Enhancing inter-operability and increasing uniformity
- ▶ Anticipate the costs and the consequences

In Conclusion . . .

1. How can the College improve health care outcomes and costs?
2. How can the NL Government improve health care outcomes and costs?
3. How can we—individually and together—improve health care outcomes and costs?
4. Is there a legitimate role for private health care incentives?
5. Given fiscal realities, is public funding of health care a right or a privilege?
6. Should entitlement to health care become conditioned by personal responsibilities?

Questions . . . ?



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