



# 2015-2016 Highlights

## About the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

### *Promoting Excellence in Professional Nursing Regulation*

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The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR) promotes excellence in professional nursing regulation and serves as a national forum regarding interprovincial/territorial, national, and global regulatory matters for nursing regulation.

#### **CCRNR's Objects**

- creating and maintaining an effective forum for the exchange of information regarding regulatory trends, best practices, policy and legislation in respect of nursing;
- monitoring interprovincial/territorial, national and global trends and issues related to nursing regulation;
- developing and promoting national perspectives on nursing regulation;
- advising on and promoting best regulatory practices and harmonized approaches to nursing regulation;
- undertaking projects of shared interest to Members, alone or in collaboration with other national and/or global organizations;
- establishing external liaisons and partnerships that position the Council to address professional nursing regulatory matters; and
- promoting an understanding of the purpose of nursing regulation.

#### **CCRNR's Priorities:**

- Harmonizing regulatory approaches
  - Entry to practice exam for RNs
  - NP entry to practice exams
  - NP prescribing of controlled drugs and substances
- Harmonizing assessment of internationally educated nurses
- Developing a national framework for regulatory excellence
  - Determining the regulator's role related to competence throughout a nurse's career
  - Identifying the regulator's role and consistent approaches in educational program approval
  - Discussing national mobility agreement

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## **CCRNR Board of Directors at its April 2016 Face-to-Face Meeting**

*Top Row (from left): Katherine Stansfield (CRNM), Donna Stanley-Young (RNANT/NU), Caroline Hoffman (SRNA), Becky Gosbee (ARNPEI), Laurie Janes (NANB)*

*Bottom Row (from left): Lynn Power (ARNNL), Sue Smith (CRNNS), Anne Coghlan (CNO) - President, Cynthia Johansen (CRNBC) - Vice-President, Carole Mercier (OIIQ)*

- *Not pictured: Mieke Leonard (YRNA), Mary-Anne Robinson (CARNA)*

## **KEY PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

Fulfilling its mandate to promote excellence in professional nursing regulation and to serve as the national forum for Canadian RN regulators, CCRNR continues its work a number of key projects, including:

### **Nurse Practitioners (NP) Practice Analysis Project**

On February 22, 2016, CCRNR released its NP Practice Analysis, noting that “the analysis uncovered key information that will inform future regulatory decisions in NP practice across Canada.” It was further reported, “The most significant finding from the... Analysis demonstrates that NPs across Canada use the same competencies in their practice in all Canadian jurisdictions and across the three streams of NP practice: family/all ages, adult and pediatrics.” The implications for the regulation of NPs will be the topic for future discussions at CCRNR to help inform decisions at the jurisdictional level.

CCRNR extends its appreciation to Employment and Skills Development Canada for their support of this project. CCRNR also thanks Teri Crawford, Project Lead, and Working Group Members, Research Advisory Committee Members, subject matter experts, jurisdictional volunteers, and the large number of NPs who were part of this foundational project.

### **Registered Nurse (RN) Exam—NCLEX-RN**

The NCLEX-RN was implemented by Canadian RN regulators as their entry-to-practice exam in January 2015. Since 2011, when regulators announced the change to the use of the NCLEX, series of conferences, webinars, and documents, designed to assist with the transition, had been provided to the RN community.

An NCLEX Information Meeting was held on February 19, 2016. CCRNR brought together its members and



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Canadian nursing stakeholders from provincial and territorial educational programs and governments, as well as CNA and NCSBN, to share accurate information about the NCLEX-RN and exam results.

The first “NCLEX-RN: Canadian Results Report” was released on March 31, 2016. It showed an ultimate pass rate of 84%. This annual publication will continue to provide data on the success of exam writers across the country.

For all nursing exams, CCRNR’s members need to ensure that the exams test competencies and are legally defensible and reliable. Work will continue to ensure that any issues are addressed and to maintain the focus of regulators’ work on the public interest.

Additional priorities from the last year include the following projects:

- **Entry-to-Practice Exams’ Number of Writes Policies**
- **Competency Development—Entry-to-Practice and Throughout a Nurse’s Career**
- **Regulatory Standards for Professional Ethics**

## Stakeholder Meetings:

- November 2015 meeting with NCSBN’s President Shirley Brekken and CEO David Benton where North American and international trends in nursing regulation were discussed
- Regular teleconferences with CNA’s CEO Anne Sutherland-Boal and CCRNR’s President and Vice-President to keep informed about priorities and issues
- Meetings and calls with Canadian Federal-Territorial-Provincial Nursing Advisors to keep each other informed
- Semi-annual meeting with the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) to share information and consider opportunities for interprofessional collaboration
- Attendance at the ICN Credentialing and Regulators Forum to learn, first-hand, about international nursing regulation
- CCRNR representation on the NNAS Board of Directors

## TRANSITIONS - 2015-2016

- **Mary-Anne Robinson** left her role as CEO of CARNA in June 2016. **Jeanette Machtemes** is serving as Acting CEO.
- **Carolyn Hoffman** was appointed ED of SRNA in December 2015; **Shirley McKay** had served as Acting ED since May 2015.

## CCRNR OFFICERS

President:  
**Anne Coghlan**

Vice-President:  
**Cynthia Johansen**

*The work of CCRNR is supported by the expertise of skilled, knowledgeable staff from regulatory bodies across Canada.*

## ADMINISTRATION

Executive Coordinator:  
**Beth Ann Kenny**

## Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

**Members:** All 12 of Canada's provincial/territorial registered nurse regulators are members of CCRNR:

**Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador**

CCRNR Board Member: Lynn Power, Executive Director

**Association of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island**

CCRNR Board Member: Becky Gosbee, Executive Director

**College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia**

CCRNR Board Member: Sue Smith, CEO and Registrar

**Nurses Association of New Brunswick**

CCRNR Board Member: Laurie Janes, Executive Director

**Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec**

CCRNR Board Member: Carole Mercier, secrétaire générale

**College of Nurses of Ontario**

CCRNR Board Member: Anne Coghlan, Executive Director and CEO

**College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba**

CCRNR Board Member: Katherine Stansfield, Executive Director

**Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association**

CCRNR Board Member: Carolyn Hoffman, Executive Director

**College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta**

CCRNR Board Member: Jeanette Machtemes, Interim CEO

**College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia**

CCRNR Board Member: Cynthia Johansen, Registrar/CEO

**Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut**

CCRNR Board Member: Donna Stanley-Young, Executive Director

**Yukon Registered Nurses Association**

CCRNR Board Member: Mieke Leonard, Executive Director

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