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(BEAVERTON): In an important next step, the Canadian Council of RN Regulators (CCRNRR) is pleased to announce the six nursing researchers who will form the Research Advisory Committee for the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Practice Analysis Project.

The Research Advisory Committee will play an essential role in the project by:

- Providing guidance for a comprehensive literature review and document analysis
- Developing activity statements that describe entry-level NP practice
- Designing survey tools to validate the activity statements
- Assisting in the analysis and interpretation of the survey results.

The following six individuals have agreed to join the Research Advisory Committee:

- Dr. Faith Donald PhD, NP-PHC (Central)
Associate Professor, Ryerson University
- Dr. Kathleen Hunter PhD, RN, NP, GNC(C), NCA (West)
Associate Professor, University of Alberta
Nurse Practitioner Specialized Geriatric Services, Glenrose Hospital
Assistant Adjunct Professor Faculty of Medicine/Division of Geriatric Medicine
- Dr. Kelley Kilpatrick PhD, RN (East)
Assistant Professor, Université de Montréal
- Dr. Mary McAllister, PhD, RN (Central)
Associate Chief, Nursing Practice
The Hospital for Sick Children
- Dr. Ruth Martin Misener, PhD, NP (East)
Associate Professor, Dalhousie University
- Dr. Ester Sangster-Gormley, PhD, RN (West)
Associate Professor, University of Victoria

The Research Advisory Committee with the support of three working group members will meet in early May to begin their work.

As work proceeds with the NP Practice Analysis over the next year, the participation of all NPs in Canada will be essential. Sixty-four nurse practitioners across the country will have the opportunity to participate in the development of the NP Practice Analysis delineation of practice and the associated

survey tools or participate in the pilot testing of the survey. NPs who are interested in participating should stay tuned to further information from their provincial/territorial regulatory body regarding participation opportunities.

The NP Practice Analysis project was officially launched in February and began with a meeting between CCRNR and Professional Examination Service (ProExam), the vendor selected to facilitate the project. The purpose of the NP Practice Analysis is to provide a comprehensive description of NP practice in Canada, which will inform future decisions about entry-to-practice exams and allow CCRNR members to develop consistent requirements for licensure or registration.

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