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## **NP PRACTICE ANALYSIS RELEASED**

February 22, 2016 (Beaverton, ON): The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR) is pleased to release the findings of the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Practice Analysis. Conducted by CCRNR, the analysis uncovered key information that will inform future regulatory decisions in NP practice across Canada.

The most significant finding from the NP Practice 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.

“What this means is that CCRNR now has a foundation, built through evidence-based work, to begin exploring the possibility of having consistent requirements for NP registration and licensure across Canada,” explains Anne Coghlan, President of CCRNR. “The end result is increased mobility for NPs in Canada and a fair and transparent regulatory system that more readily integrates NPs into the workforce.”

Findings from the NP Practice Analysis also demonstrate that the differences in NP practice lies in the patient population needs and the context of practice, such as age, developmental stage, complexity and health condition(s).

“This practice analysis will influence future entry-level competencies for NPs, regulatory policy changes across Canada and the possibility of new NP exams,” shares Teri Crawford, National Lead for the NP Practice Analysis. “However, further evaluation and stakeholder engagement is needed to ensure that any future changes are made collaboratively and with guidance from others.”

From the beginning, stakeholder engagement has been a key piece of the NP Practice Analysis. Throughout the project, CCRNR has consulted with nursing researchers, subject matter experts, university faculty from NP programs and practising NPs from across Canada.

Through these collaborative efforts, the practice analysis uncovered that there are still barriers to optimal scope of NP practice, such as federal legislation, jurisdictional legislation, employment policies and third-party insurers. CCRNR will continue to work with stakeholders to enable NPs to maximize their engagement with clients.

Now that the NP Practice Analysis is complete, CCRNR will begin consultation with stakeholders to determine the regulatory implications of the analysis. There will also be jurisdictional consultation with stakeholders regarding the entry-level competencies for identified during the analysis.

Please click [here](#) to access the full NP Practice Analysis report, fact sheet and Q&A.

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