



CRNPEI Connect

eNewsletter of the College of Registered Nurses of PEI

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CRNPEI is located at **45 Paramount Drive** in Charlottetown, office hours 8:30 am to 4 pm. During COVID restrictions, there are no drop-in appointments, only document drop off or booked appointments. The College continues to provide service by email or telephone.

Identifying Yourself to the Client/Patient/Resident

There have been a number of concerns expressed to the College regarding the failure of Nurses to identify themselves to the client/patient/resident prior to beginning an assessment or providing care. Identifying yourself to the client is a key part of **Consent**, which cannot be informed unless the patient/client/resident knows who is providing the care or doing the assessment. Please read the excerpt below from the CNA Code of Ethics so that you can ensure that you are not violating your Code of Ethics when you begin a patient/client relationship or begin a new shift with a patient/client. Remember this includes covering for a co-worker during a brief interaction with a client. Wearing your nametag does not replace introducing yourself to the patient/client. Depending on your nametag is made more complex during COVID-19 when staff are wearing PPE and name tags are often underneath several layers. The College understands that in some programs staff do not provide last names.

When you do not pay close attention to the need to identify yourself as noted below, there is a risk of a formalized complaint to the College.

Excerpt from CNA Code of Ethics

G. Being Accountable

Nurses are accountable for their actions and answerable for their practice.

Ethical responsibilities: 1. Nurses, as members of a self-regulating profession, practise according to the values and responsibilities in the Code and in keeping with the professional standards, laws and regulations supporting ethical practice. 2. Nurses are honest and practise with integrity in all of their professional interactions. **Nurses represent themselves clearly with respect to name, title and role.**

Registration Numbers

Your registration number with the College of Registered Nurses of PEI is unique to the regulatory body and begins with 00, for example 001122. Your registration number is not the same as your employee number or your union number.

Vision, Mission and Strategic Outcomes (2021-2024)

The Council of the College approved new Vision and Mission statements and 3 Strategic Outcomes for the period 2021 to 2024. The Strategic Outcomes are as follows: 1) Public Confidence in Excellent Self-Regulation;

- 2) Accountable, Quality Professional Practice;
- 3) Collaboration for Public Protection.

See the [Strategic Outcomes](#) document here.

MAiD Legislation Changes

On **March 17th, 2021**, changes to Canada's new medical assistance in dying (MAiD) law came into force. The new law responds to feedback from over 300,000 Canadians, experts, practitioners, stakeholders, Indigenous groups, and province and territories, provided during the 2020 consultations, and 120 expert witnesses. These changes to the Criminal Code now allow MAiD for eligible person who wish to pursue a medically assisted death whether their natural death is reasonably foreseeable or not.

Updated Practice Directives coming in June. See [Canada's new MAiD law information](#).

Research Projects Highlight

The Lived Experience of Nurses in COVID; Investigating barriers and facilitators to inclusion of students with disabilities; Healthy Professional Worker Study

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