



Four regulators. Two provinces. One great opportunity.

August 30, 2016—Nurse regulators from B.C. and Ontario are excited to report they are working collaboratively to find new ways to share and innovate in the field of nursing regulation.

While three of the regulators are already actively working together on a technology platform developed by CRNBC, their July meeting in Toronto was the first time the four regulators met to discuss regulatory initiatives they could pursue together. In particular, the group found there were similarities in their approach to programs such as quality assurance, competency assessments and the review of nurse education programs.

The goal of the collaboration is to align programs and regulatory tools wherever possible, thereby reducing costs and improving efficiencies. A longer-term outcome is to reduce barriers between the two provinces to allow for greater movement of nurses.

While each regulates different categories of nursing— licensed practical nurses and registered practical nurses; nurse practitioners; registered nurses; and registered psychiatric nurses—the regulators share the same single mandate to protect the public interest. They also have similar legislation, accountabilities and programs.

Attending the meeting were the executives and senior staff from the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of B.C.; the College of Nurses of Ontario (registered nurses, registered practical nurses and nurse practitioners); the College of Registered Nurses of B.C. (registered nurses and nurse practitioners); and the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of B.C.

As part of next steps in their collaboration, the regulators will be looking for opportunities to engage with other Canadian nurse regulators in future discussions.

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