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NPAO is Reducing Barriers to Ensure Full NP Scope of Practice & Role Stability by Ongoing Lobbying with Government & Health Care Decision Makers

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Enrollment & Data Capture	Mandate the Ministry of Health to establish a system to attach patients to their NP care providers and capture the related health care data for the care provided by NPs in Ontario.
Professional Liability Protection	NPAO calls on the Government of Ontario to provide a subsidy to NPAO, equitable to that received annually by RNAO, to help fund the required professional liability protection coverage for Nurse Practitioners members of NPAO
New Funding Models	Ministry of Health to initiate discussions for new funding models for NPs in Ontario
Long Term Care	The pandemic has brutally exposed vulnerabilities in long-term care (LTC) homes but one solution is hiding in plain sight – Nurse Practitioners, or NPs
Medical Assistance in Dying	The Government of Ontario should establish a province-wide funding mechanism for NPs to deliver MAID services
COVID-19 Compensation Inequity	Appropriate compensation should be provided for NPs providing COVID vaccinations and assessments outside of their employment setting.

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NURSE PRACTITIONERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

Did You Know?

Professional Liability Protection (PLP) Funding Assistance

Did you know that approximately half of Ontario's Nurse Practitioners receive this subsidy and the other half does not? Those that do not receive it pay substantially more to practice in Ontario! All Family Physicians receive this subsidy and Nurse Practitioner liability risk is very similar.

New Funding Models to Support NPs

Did you know that Nurse Practitioners are primarily salaried employees? Nurse Practitioners have the competencies and legislated scope of practice to assess, treat and manage patients' needs independently. They have no billing capabilities currently for the health care services they provide. New funding models are needed to leverage the skills of NPs to fill the health care gaps in Ontario.

More Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics (NPLCs) in Ontario

Did you know there are 25 NPLCs in Ontario, funded by the Ministry of Health, that are primary care clinics and provide for the healthcare needs of over 100,000 Ontarians? These are effective and efficient models for care particularly in rural and underserved areas. More NPLCs = improved healthcare access.

Scope of Practice Barrier - Certify Death

Did you know Ontario is one of only 2 provinces in Canada that does not have this within the Nurse Practitioner scope of practice currently? This is particularly odd as Nurse Practitioners are authorized to provide Medical Assistance in Dying services but are not authorized to certify death.

Enrollment for Nurse Practitioner Patients

Did you know that patients being treated by Nurse Practitioners as the most responsible provider and patients in Nurse Practitioner Led Clinics are formally considered unattached patients by the Ministry of Health? There is currently no mechanism for patients to be enrolled/attached to their Nurse Practitioner health care provider, despite the NP's autonomy to assess, treat and manage patients.

Data Capture to Track Nurse Practitioner Patient Care

Health care data for hundreds of thousands of patients is not tracked due to the gaps in the system where NPs are the most responsible provider, including NPLCs. There is no system in place to collect the health care data of Nurse Practitioner provided health care and no measures are available to evaluate their efficacy.

Funding to Expand NPs in Primary Care

Did you know there is currently no funding mechanism to allow physicians outside of Family Health Teams to work with Nurse Practitioners to provide patient care in their clinics? Physicians in the fee-for-service model wish to hire Nurse Practitioners to extend their capacity to provide care to their current patients, as well as take on new patients. However, as NPs are salaried employees with no billing capability, this represents an unassailable barrier to hiring NPs.

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Funding for Nurse Practitioners

Did you know that there are currently NPs providing uncompensated MAID services, out of compassion for patients and a sense of professional obligation? There is currently no funding model for NPs to be compensated for the provision of MAID services in many areas in the province. Access to MAID services in Ontario is very fragile and reliant on a small number of providers. There is a growing gap between demand and supply. NPs can fill the service gap now and in the future.

Awareness & Knowledge About Nurse Practitioners

Did you know that the biggest impediment to effectively utilizing Nurse Practitioners across the healthcare spectrum is the lack of awareness about the Nurse Practitioner profession and the lack of understanding of their education, competencies and scope of practice? Not all nurses are the same!

Nurse Education Initiative (NEI) Funding Through NPAO

Did you know that the Government of Ontario provides NEI funding to some nursing associations in Ontario for their members to obtain assistance in education to maintain and improve skills? The Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario is not one of those organizations. Nurse Practitioner members of NPAO must apply for these funds through other nurses associations, which presents additional barriers.

Nurse-Led Outreach Team (NLOTs) Funding Sustainability & Growth

Did you know there are 18 teams of nurses and Nurse Practitioners in the NLOT program that support long term care facilities? Each team supports multiple long term care homes, but not every long term care home has access to an NLOT. This has been a very successful program whose goals include reducing ED transfers from long term care homes and improving resident care and infection prevention and control. Funding for this program is not currently sustainable and coverage in the province is inconsistent. Increase the number of NLOTs in Ontario so every long term care home has access.

Scope of Practice Barrier - Form 1 - Involuntary Admission to Hospital

Did you know that currently Nurse Practitioners are unable to complete a Form 1 to admit a patient at risk of self-harm to hospital? The only alternative available for Nurse Practitioners without this ability is to call the police or find a physician who will complete the form. There is a better way!

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