RNAO & NP Milestones

Jan. 1, 2011

Remove prescription lists under the Nursing Act, 1991

June 1, 2011

Laboratory and diagnostic tests ordered by NPs to be covered as an insured service under the Health Insurance Act. 1990

July 1, 2011

Remove limitations of NPs to order laboratory tests according to a prescribed list under the Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act

July 1, 2011

Complete a Medical Certificate of Death in hospital under the Vital Statistics Act, 1990 Ability to treat, transfer and discharge from hospital under the Public Hospitals Act, 1990

1971

Ontario's first education program for an expanded RN role is launched at the University of Toronto

1995

The Ontario Primary Health Care NP (PHCNP) program is launched by the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN) and offered in nine universities

Feb. 18, 1998

Bill 127 recognizes NPs, officially called "RNs in the Extended Class"

2007

NP becomes a protected title in Ontario under the Health Systems Improvement Act, 2007

Yearly

Pre-budget submission submitted to government annually to advocate for expansion of practice, funding and integration of NPs into the health system

June 2006

The Canadian NP Initiative (CNPI) is 'to integrate the NP role

2007

Integration of NPs into Ontario from the Nurse Practitioner Integration Task Force Team

2006

Funding for first NPLC in Sudbury

Scope of practice expansion

Oct. 1, 2011

Ability to: set or cast a fracture of a bone or dislocation of a joint; dispense, sell, compound or broadly prescribe drugs; and apply a prescribed form of energy under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991

Oct. 1, 2011

Authorize RNs and RPNs to accept care from an NP and remove laboratory lists under the Nursing Act, 1991

May 1, 2015

Enable NPs to refer directly to specialist care under the Health Insurance Act and the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services

health system

Integration into

May 2009

NPs enroll in Canada's first Anesthesia Care Program at the University of Toronto

July 1, 2012

NPs gain ability to admit to hospital; hospital chief nursing executives (CNE) made members of hospital boards

2014

Funding for 75 Attending NPs in long-term care homes

and reports

Key advocacy

Launched in 2012 and updated in 2015

NP Utilization Toolkit

- 2017

Fully utilizing NPs - Prescribing controlled substances and other expanded authority

2019

Increase access to care by fully utilizing NPs care

2008

NP-led clinics

(NPLC)

Funding for 25 new NPLCs across Ontario

April 19, 2017 2016 NPs authorized to prescribe controlled drugs and substances under changes to Liberal government announces the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act additional funding to retain and and the Nursing Act, 1991 recruit NPs into primary care 2018 2021 NPs authorized to prescribe high dose pain RNAO NP Task Force - Vision killers for palliative patients and prescribe/ for Tomorrow report, fact sheet, Oct. 2, 2022 administer methadone under changes made to position statement and action Funding for an additional 225 the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, 1996 bulletin, and Action Alert to Attending NPs in long-term care homes increase the utilization of NPs July 1, 2022 Perform point-of-care tests, and order CT and MRI scans under the Healing Arts Radiation 2022 2024 2022 Protection Act, 1990, the Regulated Health RNAO releases its NP In Funding for new Professions Act, 1991 and the Laboratory and Major insurance carriers to NPLC in Ottawa Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act Focus webpage accept patient claims from NPs Scope of practice Integration into **Key advocacy NP-led clinics** expansion health system and reports (NPLC) Nov. 29, 2023 Nov. 20, 2023 2023 2024 #WeAreNPs public Funding for NPs authorized to prescribe and possess Funding for an additional 121 student NP seats awareness initiative started, new NPLC in anabolic steroids other than testosterone under Vision for Tomorrow Fact Owen Sound changes made to the Controlled Drugs and Sheet updated, and Nursing Substances Act. 1996 Career Pathways report May 3, 2024 July 1, 2025 Midwives may now access NPs authorized to apply or order the medications through a NP application of electricity for cardiac pacemaker 2024 therapy, defibrillation, electrocoagulation and Action Alert to fund transcutaneous cardiac pacing under the NPs in primary care Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 Dec. 4, 2024 July 1, 2025 Ontario becomes the first jurisdiction in Canada to welcome the role of NPs as NPs authorized to complete and certify a medical clinical directors in long-term care certificate of death without limiting circumstances under the Vital Statistics Act. 1990