

# 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

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

**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

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

## Scope of practice expansion

**May 1, 2015**

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

**April 19, 2017**

NPs authorized to prescribe controlled drugs and substances under changes to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Nursing Act, 1991

**2018**

NPs authorized to prescribe high dose pain killers for palliative patients and prescribe/administer methadone under changes made to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, 1996

**July 1, 2022**

Perform point-of-care tests, and order CT and MRI scans under the Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act, 1990, the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 and the Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act

**Nov. 29, 2023**

NPs authorized to prescribe and possess anabolic steroids other than testosterone under changes made to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, 1996

**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

**May 2009**

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

## Integration into health system

**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

**2016**

Liberal government announces additional funding to retain and recruit NPs into primary care

**Oct. 2, 2022**

Funding for an additional 225 Attending NPs in long-term care homes

**2022**

Major insurance carriers to accept patient claims from NPs

**Nov. 20, 2023**

Funding for an additional 121 student NP seats

**May 3, 2024**

Midwives may now access medications through a NP

**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 created to support Canada-wide efforts to integrate the NP role

**2007**

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

**Launched in 2012 and updated in 2015**

*NP Utilization Toolkit*

**2017**

Fully utilizing NPs - Prescribing controlled substances and other expanded authority

## Key advocacy and reports

**2019**

Increase access to care by fully utilizing NPs care

**2021**

RNAO NP Task Force - *Vision for Tomorrow* report, fact sheet, position statement and action bulletin, and Action Alert to increase the utilization of NPs

**2022**

RNAO releases its NP In Focus webpage

**2023**

#WeAreNPs public awareness initiative started, Vision for Tomorrow Fact Sheet updated, and *Nursing Career Pathways* report

**2024**

Action Alert to fund NPs in primary care

**2006**

Funding for first NPLC in Sudbury

**2008**

Funding for 25 new NPLCs across Ontario

## NP-led clinics (NPLC)

**2024**

Funding for new NPLC in Ottawa

**2024**

Funding for new NPLC in Owen Sound and Innisfil