

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

Mandate that hospital chief nursing executives (CNE) be a member of the hospital's board under the Public Hospitals Act, 1990

Ability to admit to hospital under the Public Hospitals Act, 1990

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

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)

2023

Funding for new NPLC in Ottawa

2024

Funding for new NPLC in Owen Sound