

Standard Practice Resources for Virtual Care

It is important for all health care providers to consider the implications of delivering care virtually. It is the responsibility of the health care provider to determine what the appropriate provisions are based on the recommendations of their governing bodies. Below are a number of links that provide information on these standard practices. We strongly encourage any health care provider that is planning on using virtual care in any capacity to contact their respective governing bodies with any questions, concerns, and/or to obtain any further information on the use of virtual care in your clinical setting. Health Care Professionals planning to practice Virtual Care Services with Canadian patients outside of Nova Scotia, must contact the Governing Body from that other jurisdiction to discuss licensing requirements.

Physician Resources for Delivering Virtual Care

- [CMPA-Telemedicine Challenges and Obligations](#)
- [CMPA- Principles of Assistance: Practicing Telemedicine](#)
- [CMPA- Videoconferencing Consultation When is the Right Choice?](#)
- [CMA: Virtual Care](#)
- [College of Physicians and Surgeons NS: Provision of Telemedicine Services](#)

For more information contact:

Canadian Medical Association (CMA) https://www.cma.ca/contact Phone: 1-888-855-2555	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (CPSNS) https://cpsns.ns.ca/about-us/contact/ Phone: 902-422-5823 Email: info@cpsns.ca
Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/connect/contact-us Phone: 1-800-267-6522	

Nurse Resources for Delivering Virtual Care

- [Canadian Nurses Association-Telehealth Fact Sheet](#)
- [Nova Scotia College of Nursing- Telenursing](#)

For more information contact:

Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en/contact-us Phone: 1-800-361-8404	Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN) https://www.nscn.ca/explore-nscn/nscn-team/contact-us Phone: 1-833-267-6726 Email: information@nscn.ca
Canadian Nurse Protective Society https://www.cnps.ca/index.php Phone: 1-800-267-3390	

Allied Health Care Professionals

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Psychologist

Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology Phone No. 902-423-2238 Toll-free (Within Nova Scotia) 1-844-423-2238 E-mail nsbep@nsbep.org

- [Model Standards for Telepsychology Service](#)
- [The Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology](#)
- [American Psychology Association Guidelines for the practice of telepsychology](#)

Social Work

Nova Scotia College of Social Workers Phone: 902-429-7799 E-mail Alec.Stratford@nscsw.org

- [Nova Scotia College of Social Workers, Transition to Telepractice](#)
- [NSCSW Technology & Storage of Files](#)
- [Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice, National College of Social Workers and Association of Social Work Boards](#)
- [Telehealth & Social Work Practice Same Ethical Practice - Different Locations](#)

Physiotherapist

Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association Phone: 902-406-2619 E-mail info@physiotherapyns.ca

- [Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association Telehealth Resource](#)

Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapist Phone: 902-221-7254 E-mail registrar@nsphysio.com

- [Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators Considerations for Telepractice in Physical Therapy in Canada](#)

Respiratory Therapist

Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists Phone: 1.902.423.3229 E-mail registrar@nscrt.com

- [Ontario Respiratory Therapists Providing Telepractice Services JUNE 2017 Professional Practice Guidelines](#)

Dietitian

Nova Scotia Dietetic Association (NSDA) Phone: (902) 493-3034 E-Mail info@nsdassoc.ca

- [Nova Scotia Dietitian Telepractice Policy](#)
- [Dietitian Documentation Guidelines](#) (Telepractice documentation page 5)

Occupational Therapist

College of Occupational Therapists of Nova Scotia Phone: (902) 455-0556 E-mail admin@cotns.ca

- [Nova Scotia Interim Virtual Care / Telepractice Guidelines March 2020](#)

Recreation Therapist

Nova Scotia Therapeutic Recreation Association E-mail communication@nstra.info

- None to date

Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologist

Nova Scotia College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists E-mail info@nscaslpc.ca

- [Telepractice* Information During COVID-19](#)
- [Alberta Guideline: Use of Telepractice in the Provision of Clinical Services by Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists](#)

Additional Information:

- [Guidance on Telepractice](#), Manitoba Alliance of Regulatory Health Collages (MARHC)
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