

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

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### THE MANDATE AND FUNCTION

Physiotherapy is a self-regulated profession. Governments grant responsibility for self-regulation to professions to ensure that control over quality is granted to those who can best determine what are appropriate professional standards. Self-regulated professions establish minimum professional standards to ensure that the public interest is protected in the delivery of that service.

The Newfoundland and Labrador College of Physiotherapists (the College) regulates the practice of physiotherapy in Newfoundland and Labrador. The College administers the legislation and has the powers granted by the "*Physiotherapy Act*". Section 3.(3) of *the Act* states "The objects of the College are to assure to the general public, proficiency and competency in the practice of physiotherapy and to regulate and govern registered physiotherapists and the practice of physiotherapy." Regulation of entry to the profession, setting standards for the delivery of physiotherapy services to the public, monitoring competence and regulation of conduct of members and the practice of physiotherapy are among the responsibilities of the College.

The College is linked to the regulatory authorities in other provinces through the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators. This facilitates regulators of physiotherapy across Canada in achieving reciprocity.

The College has the sole authority to set standards for the profession and to investigate the practice or conduct of a member.

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