

CNPS – PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR YOUR EVOLVING PRACTICE

More than liability protection, throughout your career

The Canadian Nurses Protective Society (CNPS) was created by nurses for nurses so that they could have a source of professional liability protection specifically tailored to manage unexpected legal challenges that may occur in nursing practice. The CNPS serves over 140,000 nurse beneficiaries of all designations across all provinces and territories.

Professional Liability Protection and Assistance with Legal Proceedings

All licensed nursing professionals practicing in Canada are required by their nursing regulator to hold an acceptable source of professional liability protection in the event of allegations of professional negligence. CNPS beneficiaries can be eligible for assistance with all legal proceedings arising from nursing practice in Canada (additional registration is required for regulatory investigations): claims and civil proceedings, criminal investigations and prosecutions, statutory offences, and witness appearances.*

Legal Advice

In your busy nursing practice, complex and difficult situations can arise. You may be asked to provide a written statement to the police. Or a patient could ask you to administer a medication that is not approved for use in Canada. When such situations arise in your practice, the CNPS is only a call away. Our legal counsel is there to provide confidential advice and assistance.

Continuing Education

In any profession, it is important to build on your knowledge by continuously learning about changes in your field of expertise. The CNPS provides free webinars, articles, case studies and other educational materials that support risk management, promote patient safety, or can help you better understand legislative changes that may impact your profession.

Reassurance Through Occurrence-Based Protection

A legal action can occasionally begin many years after care was provided – even after you retire. CNPS beneficiaries receive occurrence-based assistance, which means that there is no time limit to the protection we provide. If a claim arises from care you provided while you were a CNPS beneficiary and you were duly licensed at the time, you remain eligible for CNPS assistance in the normal course no matter when the claim is commenced. There is no need to purchase additional tail coverage.

If A Problem Occurs

The CNPS can extend assistance in different types of legal proceedings. CNPS offers discretionary assistance, which means that we consider each request for assistance on an individual basis. Under this model, we can easily tailor assistance to unexpected circumstances that may arise in your practice. A complaint can sometimes be filed against a nurse with their nursing regulator. Nurses who are CNPS beneficiaries also have the option, for an additional fee, to apply for the CNPS Supplementary Protection program. This program expands eligibility for assistance with complaints made to the regulator.

*Certain conditions may apply. Please visit www.cnps.ca/services/plp-core/ for more information.

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