



## Nurse Practitioner FAQ's

### What does NANB mean by a Consulting Physician?

The *Nurses Act* stipulates that the nurse practitioner must have reasonable access to a physician for the purpose of consultation with respect to any client and be able to refer or transfer any client to the care of a physician. The NP initiates a consultation with a physician when the diagnosis and/or treatment plan is unclear or beyond the scope of the NP. The NP consults with a physician when the expertise of a physician is required to diagnose and/or manage a client's health condition. Consultation takes place following a formal request and can occur in a variety of ways, for example, face to face, by telephone and/or in writing.

The nurse practitioner must provide to the NANB Registrar, annually, the employer's name and a statement from the employer verifying that the nurse practitioner, in the course of employment, has reasonable access to a physician for the purpose of consultation and referral or transfer of any client to a physician for care.