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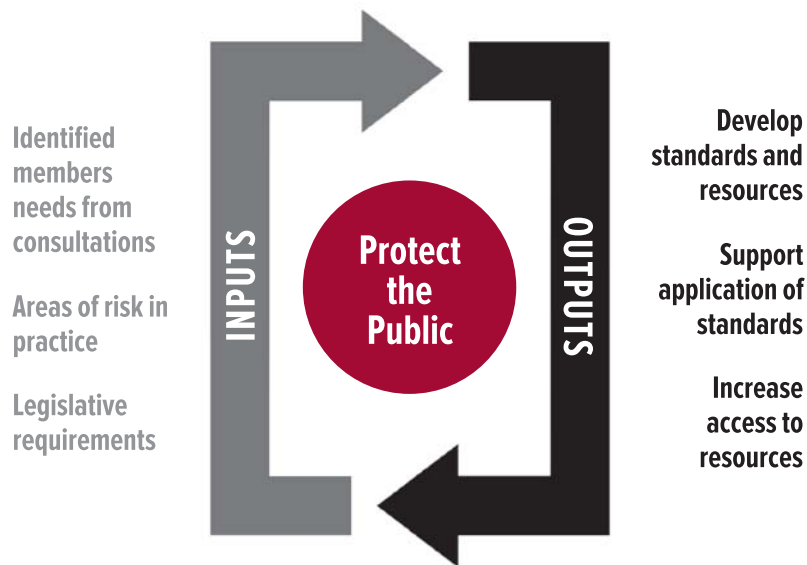
I'm a registered nurse/nurse practitioner practising in New Brunswick. How can I get practice advice from NANB?

NANB has adopted a three-pronged approach to self-regulation. By placing most of our emphasis on promotion and prevention, the need for discipline interventions is kept to a minimum. One of the ways the NANB ensure the provision of safe, competent and ethical care in the interest of the public is through consultation services. This confidential service is offered to New Brunswick registered nurses, nurse practitioners and their employers, to support safe, ethical, and competent nursing practice.

The Practice Department is available for consultation on a wide variety of issues, such as: the interpretation of NANB documents and government legislation; collaborative practice with other healthcare providers; ethical dilemmas; meeting NANB standards, addressing issues of safety with appropriate action; and the management of significant practice issues.

NANB members are encouraged to contact a nursing consultant with specific nursing practice related questions, so the nursing consultants may support decision-making from a regulatory lens. NANB's nursing consultants have the same professional and ethical responsibilities as all RNs/NPs, when it comes to mandatory reporting regarding a patient at risk of harm. For example, if a nursing consultant were to become aware of professional misconduct or incompetence, the nursing consultant would have an obligation to follow through with any concerns, to ensure safe, competent and ethical nursing practice. When a person contacts NANB, the

FIGURE 1: Development of Nursing Support Resources



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callers name and the content of the call will not be shared with others outside NANB, unless deemed necessary.

Have you ever wondered how NANB develops and revises nursing resources to support practice?

To identify resources that need to be developed or revised, and the best way to support RNs/NPs in using those resources, NANB uses information generated from a variety of sources, such as laws, areas of risk in practice (i.e., Medical Aid in Dying) and stakeholder needs (see Figure 1).

For example, when NANB receives practice queries, staff look for trends in the practice and education database to

understand where there may be a need for more resources. RN and NP inquiries influence the development of NANB support resources. In summation, members engaging NANB through practice queries results in one of the ways NANB ensures the provision of safe, competent and ethical care in the interest of the public.

For more information on nursing consultations, or to contact one of our consultants, please send an email to nanb@nanb.nb.ca or call 506-458-8731, Toll-free 1-800-442-4417.

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