

10,260 RNs
447 NPs

The NANB regulates the largest group of health professionals (registered nurses and nurse practitioners) representing over 11,189 nurses (NANB, 2024).

1 in 34 NBers
(Statistics Canada, 2024)

With the growing number of 24,717+ New Brunswick citizens on the Patient Connect Registry (CBC, 2023) waiting for a health provider, NANB believes NPs are critical to decreasing wait lists. NANB considers access to care as the most urgent priority for the next government.

Access to Care

Enhanced Roles of the RN & NP



Government support for a revised *Nurses Act*, allowing the nursing regulator to be innovative and able to provide timely and proactive responses to nursing practice and health system changes.



Implement RN prescribing improving community-based care.

Primary Health Care



Further expand collaborative care clinics/patient 'homes' that optimize all scopes of practice, and create NP-led interprofessional clinics.



Support additional NP positions to create NP-led interdisciplinary clinics as part of an improving Primary Health Care access in New Brunswick that are external to the RHAs.



Optimize access to care through increased use of telenursing/virtual care. Further leverage utilization of technology for consultations and referrals.

Support for the electronic health record to streamline communication and continuum of care.

RECOMMENDATION FOR 2024

Support for changes to the *Nurse Act* allowing for:

- the nursing regulator to be agile and able to provide timely and proactive responses to nursing practice and health system changes, and
- the support of RN prescribing, improving community based care.