

 <p>THE ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</p>	<p>PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT REVIEW PUBLICATION OF DISCIPLINE DECISIONS POLICY</p>
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BACKGROUND

The Association of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island (ARNPEI) receives its authority to conduct the professional conduct review process in relation to allegations of professional misconduct, incompetence and incapacity from the *Registered Nurses Act*. The Act gives authority for the appointment of a Professional Conduct Review (PCR) Committee to investigate and deal with complaints against nurse members.

PURPOSE

There is a need to inform the public and members of the health community of instances of professional misconduct, incompetence and incapacity, involving registered nurses. Information about decisions related to professional conduct hearings will be posted on the ARNPEI website. Employers will be notified of the PCR Committee decisions and publication may be included in the newspaper.

POLICY

1. Website:

- a) Any decision to revoke, suspend, or place conditions on a nursing license will be posted on the ARNPEI website. The posting on the website will remain unless the period is specified by the PCR Committee. The posting will identify the nurse by full name (including any name used in the course of nursing practice) with their ARNPEI registration number and the date the decision was issued. The nurse's name will be hyperlinked to the entire decision document. In cases of incapacity, the decision ordered by the PCR Committee will not reference the specific illness.
- b) The PCR Committee will determine on a case-by-case basis if a reprimand should be posted on the website. The posting on the website will remain unless the period is specified by the PCR Committee.
- c) Any reinstatement of a license will be posted on the website. The posting will remain.
- d) Posted decisions will be organized by calendar year, listed by the date the decision is issued by the PCR Committee.

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2. Annual Report:

The information published in the Annual Report will be a statistical report only.

3. Employers:

A letter will be sent to the member's current employer(s) providing a brief overview of the discipline decision and directing them to the ARNPEI website to view the decision document issued by the PCR Committee.