



August 23, 2017

Molly Blake
President
Infection Prevention and Control Canada

Dear Molly,

Earlier this year, a member of Network Advisory Committee (NAC) met with a representative of each group to review a draft definition for nursing specialty practice with all network members.

We want to thank you for taking the time to complete the checklist and to meet with an advisory committee member to discuss the criteria in order to determine whether the Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada) met the specialty practice definition at this time. There were 10 criteria used to determine if an association would be classified as a specialty practice group. If a group did not meet all 10 criteria, they were then classified as a specialty interest group. This work has been extremely helpful to the NAC in formulating recommendations as to whether or not a name change for the network is required and as well to review the membership structure of the network.

Based on the information provided at the time of the review, IPAC Canada has been classified as Specialty Practice Group. Listed below are the responses for the 10 criteria used to determine IPAC Canada's classification.

| Criteria | Status |
|---|--------|
| 1. Health-care System Need and Demand | Yes |
| 2. Specialized Function | Yes |
| 3. Specialty Association | Yes |
| 4. National Representation | Yes |
| 5. Standards of Practice | Yes |
| 6. Specialty Core Competencies | Yes |
| 7. Core Knowledge | Yes |
| 8. Education | Yes |
| 9. Advancement of the Nursing Specialty | Yes |
| 10. Certification | Yes |

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If you wish to discuss the results of your IPAC Canada's classification as a Specialty Practice Group, please contact Elizabeth Morin at emorin@cna-aiic.ca who will gladly schedule a meeting with me and the NAC member who reviewed the specialty practice definition with your association.

Again, your participation in this important work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Elliott-Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Elliott-Miller on behalf of the Network Advisory Committee

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