



# COLLEGE OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

## *POSITION STATEMENT*

### **PRIVACY POSITION STATEMENT FOR LPNs**

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland & Labrador (CLPNNL) has an ethical and legal responsibility to maintain confidentiality of personal information that is obtained during the course of providing professional services and during the course of licensure for LPNs. CLPNNL is committed to the protection of personal information and to inform LPNs, stakeholders and the public of our practices with respect to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Effective January 2004, federal legislation was introduced governing the use and protection of personal information. This new legislation is called Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). CLPNNL is committed to protecting all personal information collected; to ensure that all personal information is handled in a secure and confidential manner and that privacy is protected.

#### **STATEMENT**

CLPNNL must take reasonable measures to ensure that all personal information that can identify an LPN as an individual will be kept confidential within federal/provincial laws, the CLPNNL Standards of Practice, and in accordance with the Licensed Practical Nurses' Act and Regulations. This includes all information stored electronically.

#### ***REFERENCES***

*College of LPNs of Nova Scotia, Privacy Statement (March 2004)*

*College of LPNs of Manitoba, Privacy Statement (April 2004)*

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