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## **Registered Psychiatric Nurses launch joint project to update Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice**

The profession of Psychiatric Nursing is independently regulated in the four Western provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The four regulators are statutory bodies that protect the public by regulating psychiatric nurses in their respective provinces.

The four regulators are pleased to announce a new joint project to revise and update their Standards of Psychiatric Nursing Practice. These Standards describe in broad terms the expected level of performance of all RPNs. The Standards were developed some years ago, with some incremental changes subsequently. The intention is to create a single set of Standards covering all four provinces, fully reflecting the many changes in psychiatric nursing practice since then.

In updating the Standards, the four regulators intend to consult widely, both within the profession and with other stakeholders. Regular communications will be maintained. A major validation exercise of the proposed new Standards is planned, to which every registered RPN will be invited to participate.

The project is expected to close in August 2018.

The four regulators are being supported in this task by a team from CamProf Inc, a specialist professional development consultancy with expertise in this area of work.

For further information, please contact the regulator for your province:

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