

## NOVA SCOTIA PRACTICE READY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NSPRAP)

### SEEKING PHYSICIAN ASSESSORS

The Nova Scotia Practice Ready Assessment Program (NSPRAP) is a new program funded by the Department of Health and Wellness and developed by multiple stakeholders to assess international medical graduates (IMGs) who have practiced abroad and would like to practice family medicine in underserved communities in Nova Scotia. Those who successfully meet eligibility requirements and pre-screening will need to be placed with experienced family physicians in our communities to determine whether they are in fact practice-ready. The internationally-trained physicians will be placed and assessed in two different communities for 6 weeks each. They are to be exposed to a variety of clinical settings but are not being assessed to provide intrapartum obstetrical care or ER care.

Physician assessors will receive assessor training, be remunerated both for the training and the 6-week assessment period and will be able to claim some Main-Pro credits.

The Assessors' primary duties are to:

- Orient the candidate to the clinical practice including local and regional healthcare services;
- Provide clinical exposures appropriate for the purpose of assessment of candidates (eg. ambulatory/clinic, ER, hospital in-patient and long term-care);
- Assess candidate's clinical skills (should be at the level of a Canadian-trained family medicine resident entering practice);
- Assess candidate's ability to communicate both verbally and in writing;
- Assess their professional demeanor and conduct with patients and colleagues; and
- Complete the required evaluation forms of the candidates' performance and any other documentation required by the program.

Physicians interested in being a physician assessor should contact Gwen MacPherson, Program Coordinator at [info@nsprap.ca](mailto:info@nsprap.ca) or Dr. Fiona Bergin, Program Clinical Director at [fiona.bergin@dal.ca](mailto:fiona.bergin@dal.ca) or 902-473-7188 for more information.

\*Candidates will be looking for short-term rentals in the communities in which they will be assessed. If you know of any in your community (whether you wish to be an assessor or not), we would appreciate you providing us with that information to share with them.