

Peer Assessment Committee
College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick



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Exclusion From or Deferral of Assessment

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Policy: The Peer assessment Committee (PAC) may, under certain circumstances, exclude physicians from assessment, or defer the planned assessment of a physician selected for review.

Guidelines:

- .1 Exclusion from assessment may be granted in limited circumstances including:
 - a) physicians working full-time in an administrative, government, military or industrial medicine practice
 - b) retired physicians who have surrendered their medical license
 - c) physicians leaving New Brunswick within three months, providing that a copy of the letter of resignation to the relevant health authority is submitted
 - d) physicians practising on a limited basis within a field of medicine not reviewed by the PAC or not providing direct patient care

- .2 A deferral of assessment may be granted in limited circumstances:
 - a) physicians who are on maternity/parental, medical or sabbatical leave may be deferred for six months following return to work; confirmation of inability to work may be required for medical deferral
 - b) physicians who have been in a new practice less than three months may be deferred for one year
 - c) physicians transitioning to an EMR may be deferred for six months from the implementation or "go live" date
 - d) physicians who are newly licensed or who have completed a specialist residency may be deferred for the first year

- .3 Requests for exclusion or deferral shall be made in writing to the PAC Program Director, citing the reason for the request. Exclusions outside the scope of this policy shall be referred to the PAC.