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Re: Chief Nursing Officer for Canada

Today is an exciting day for Canadian nurses! The Government of Canada has posted a position seeking a [Chief Nursing Officer for Canada](#). Working collaboratively, with our colleagues and partners across the country, NNPBC was pleased to lend our [advocacy voice](#) to this important issue.

NNPBC has long advocated for roles in nursing that expand [nursing leadership opportunities](#) across a variety of settings. Indeed, the call to advance nursing leadership has been growing over the past decade. The World Health Organization recently named leadership as one of four strategic directions and policy priorities for 2021 to 2025. Areas of particular focus include increasing the number of nurses in senior health positions, strengthening nursing input into policy, and investing in leadership skills development for nurses. The state of health care and the pressing need for change is a clarion call for nurses to expand what constitutes nursing leadership, the role of nurses in health care system leadership, and the ways in which nursing as a profession and a discipline can lead health care system transformation in a time of increasing demand and complexity.

We celebrate this decision and will look forward to working with the Canada's Chief Nursing Officer to enhance population health and help Canadians achieve better health outcomes.