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Dear Chief Nurse,

The BC Nurse Practitioner Association (BCNPA) supports the Ministry of Health's directive that Encounter Reporting be the official source of data collection for all Nurse Practitioners (NPs) working in B.C. as it captures the activity, disease entity and complexity of patient care delivery. This makes it the only useful and practical method of evaluating NP practice.

BCNPA does not support additional reporting options that have been proposed by health authorities. The collection documents that are currently being circulated are time consuming and there has been no indication of how the integrity or the reliability of any data collected will be maintained. From our perspective, the metrics proposed by the health authorities have no common definitions or limitations, and there have been no standards developed for the use of the data. Therefore, we will continue to encourage nurse practitioners to not fill out these 'stop-gap' forms of information collection, and to wait until the Encounter Codes are ready for widespread use. We encourage nurse practitioners to share their concerns about these additional data collection forms with their managing director.

In order for the Ministry's Encounter Reporting to be successful, nurse practitioners will require electronic billing systems to be in place that facilitate this reporting for NPs. This includes programs such as Plexia, Claim Manager, Medinet, ClinicAid for those NP's who are not currently using an EHR that does not have billing software available to them. We look forward to hearing what solutions health authorities intend to use to ensure all NPs are able to successfully submit the Encounter Reporting data.

Should additional information be required to move this forward, we request that the MOH and BCNPA be involved in developing a provincial approach to address the requirements for NP evaluation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stan Marchuk'.

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