



# Get to know Doctors Nova Scotia *for retiring physicians*

## How we support doctors

### Extended health and dental plan

- Continues after retirement for members residing in Nova Scotia
- Drug coverage converts to Pharmacare after age 65

### Out of country travel

- Travel until 100+ years of age
- Health changes 90 days before travel can affect coverage, including:
  - Medication changes
  - Test results
- Covers COVID-19 related medical care but not travel delays/costs

### Negotiate, implement and support physician contracts

- Physician retirement fund
- Audit and appeal
- Fee changes
- Alternative payment plans
- Deliverables
- Non-insured services guidelines

### Section of Senior and Retired Doctors

- Connecting/advocating for retire/retiring members
- Promoting volunteer and mentorship opportunities

### Physician Advisory Team

- Closing a practice support, including toolkit and video
- Recruitment support (letters of offer, return-of-service agreements,

remuneration consultations)

- Contract negotiation and support
- Medical billing support and education
- Relocating or retiring, succession planning

### Member discounts

- Life, disability, home and auto insurance
- Smart phones, mobility plans and more

### Physician health and well-being

- Professional Support Program
  - Confidential peer-to-peer support for members and their families
  - Physician counsellors offer advice, assessment and support
  - No affiliation with licensing and regulatory bodies

### Advocacy

- Collective voice of physicians in Nova Scotia
- Regular meetings with Minister and Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness
- Health policy and advocacy work
- Position papers: role and value of family physicians, primary care renewal, stabilizing the physician workforce
- Medical staff association support

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