

ROLE OF THE CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

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ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONAL STANDARDS

6.16 Professional practice support

- Effective January 2013, boards of health are required to designate a Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) to be responsible for nursing quality assurance and nursing practice leadership.

Annual reporting to MOHLTC confirming 1.0 FTE Chief Nursing Officer as well as activities of CNO.

Expert advice, Direction, Leadership, Consultation

**Agency
Management**

**Nursing
Staff**

- Application of nursing practice standards and evidence-based practice
- Nursing service delivery
- Evaluation/quality assurance
- Strategic planning and decision-making
- Inter-professional practice
- Recruitment and retention of qualified, competent public health nurses

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

- Leads and builds capacity for sustained change.
- Represents the agency at the local, regional, provincial and national level.
- Leads the way towards a vision of excellence in public health nursing practice.