Milestones

January - March
- Phase I of the modernized Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs is approved (renewals, travel medicine)
- Changes to Standards of Practice: ODMT are approved to support patient access to buprenorphine/naloxone
- NSCP hosts National Summit on Wicked Problems: Next Steps

April - June
- Clarification to the Standards of Practice: Continuous Quality Assurance is approved to support a national medication incident database
- NSCP begins work on enabling pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines to support ready access to immunizations
- Nova Scotia becomes the first jurisdiction in Canada where all pharmacists populate a central patient immunization record

July - September
- NSCP works with stakeholders on the role of pharmacists in the prevention of Lyme disease
- Phase II of the modernized Standards of Practice is approved (UTI, shingles, contraception management)
- NSCP begins stakeholder consultation for revision of the Harm Reduction Policy to support the public in accessing harm reduction services in pharmacies

October - December
- NSCP hosts meetings with pharmacy practitioners, managers and members of the public across Nova Scotia
- Draft Standards of Practice: Non-Sterile Compounding are approved for consultation
- Publicly searchable database of pharmacists and pharmacies goes live on the NSCP website

Major Areas of Work

Modernizing Pharmacist Prescribing
The NSCP modernized the Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs so that the public is better able to have their health needs met at a pharmacy

Supporting a Stronger Healthcare System
The NSCP continued its work with provincial stakeholders to explore the role of pharmacists in Lyme disease and worked to support the provincial immunization strategy

Working Community Pharmacy’s Wicked Problems
The NSCP hosted the second National Summit on Wicked Problems in Community Pharmacy and an inaugural meeting of the Nova Scotia Wicked Problems Working Group to apply behavioural science insights to pharmacy practice and environment challenges impacting patient care

Reaching Out to the Public
The NSCP engaged members of the public across Nova Scotia through consultation sessions and focus groups to ensure their voice informed the NSCP’s work and policy decisions

2019 Year in Review
A look back at the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists’ major milestones in achieving its vision of Excellence in Pharmacy Practice and Patient-Centred Healthcare