The Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) encourages the development of special interest groups by registered nurses who have a common concern for professional development in a defined area of nursing practice, education, administration or research.

The ARNNL recognizes that special interest groups are valuable to the promotion of the profession, to enhancing quality of care and standards of practice, and to the development of knowledge and competency through sharing among peers. ARNNL liaises with special interest groups, as experts in their practice area, to inform relevant decision.

Special Interest Groups operate independently from ARNNL and according to their own By-laws and Constitution.

In order to be considered an ARNNL special interest group, the following criteria must be met:

1. Eighty per cent (80%) of the voting members are to be registered nurses.
2. The group’s constitution, by-laws, objectives and activities are aligned with the Registered Nurses Act.

When ARNNL special interest group status is achieved by a group, the ARNNL will endeavour to provide:

1. Accommodation for meetings in ARNNL House, when space is available. Requests are to be made through the Executive Director’s Executive Assistant as far in advance as possible.
2. Display space at the ARNNL Annual Meeting. All requests will be treated on a first-come, first-serve basis.
3. Publication of information or articles of interest from the special interest group in ARNNL ACCESS (articles must be submitted at least two months prior to publication).
4. Use of the duplication equipment at ARNNL House at cost.
5. Support for dissemination of best practice information.

In return, the ARNNL:

1. May meet annually with representatives of special interest groups for information-sharing and discussion.
2. Reserves the right to request representation from special interest groups on committees established in relation to that specialty, or to seek their assistance where necessary on relevant issues/projects related to the specialty.

Applications are available at www.arnnl.ca. When submitting an application, please include a copy of the group’s constitution and by-laws.

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