

President's Letter

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NLMA launches *Your Voice* to ensure members have input on reactivating the health system

Dear Colleagues:

During these unprecedented times, health system decisions are being made rapidly in response to our changing circumstances and new information about COVID-19. As the Department of Health and the regional health authorities contemplate the resumption of medical services, it is imperative that their decisions include input from physicians.

Today, the NLMA is launching *Your Voice* an online engagement platform that offers an easy and secure way for members to offer their advice and engage in peer-to-peer discussions.

Our first consultation will be rolled out in four phases over the next week. The topics include: Restarting Health Services Parts 1 & 2; Community-Based Physicians and Virtual Care; and, Public Health Measures. Each phase will include 1-2 discussion topics.

Specifically, we want to know your thoughts on how health services should re-start, how virtual care should be sustained, and how public health measures should operate during the remainder of the pandemic.

The feedback we collect from members will be compiled, synthesized and presented to government and the RHAs.

Tomorrow, you will receive a registration email that includes a link to Your Voice, as well as your NLMA membership ID number, which is required to register. Participants will be asked to use their real names. We ask that you be collegial while having an open and honest discussion.

Please lend your voice to the conversation. The decisions of government and RHAs will be better if they have good advice from physicians. We owe it to our patients and each other to give policy makers input on decisions that will impact our practice and our lives.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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