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**Statement from the College of Nurses of Ontario
To CBC News, The National**

**Re: Ontario nurses working in other jurisdictions and the Rose Anne McKenzie
discipline hearing.**

The College of Nurses welcomes your inquiry and examination into how we regulate nursing to protect the public interest.

We know that nurses are becoming increasingly mobile and crossing borders to practise in other jurisdictions. We work with regulators across North America and around the world to respond and ensure public safety. While there are many challenges, including diverse enforcement and privacy legislation, we are committed to having effective mechanisms to exchange information. As an Associate Member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the College connects with nursing regulators in the U.S. to support our efforts to protect the public.

In responding to your questions, the College of Nurses has provided comprehensive information about our legislation and the processes we use to share information with other jurisdictions. We have also described how and why the College responds to situations where an Ontario nurse faces regulatory or criminal allegations in another jurisdiction.

You have asked about a specific case involving Ontario nurse Rose Anne McKenzie. As our web-site indicates, allegations of professional misconduct regarding Ms McKenzie are currently before the Discipline Committee. There will be an open public hearing that will determine the outcome. Once the hearing date is set, it will be posted on our web-site. Provincial law does not allow us to make any further comment.