



## Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) *Information Sheet*

Former Assessment Process	SIPPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only international medical graduates (IMGs) from six countries were eligible for assessment.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMGs will eventually be assessed from <b>all countries</b> as long as they meet licensure criteria determined by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. This allows the province to assess a wider range of physicians and promotes recruitment to the province.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMGs were assessed after they began practice. This created a major disruption of service when IMGs were required to leave their patients for a period of time to be assessed, or had licenses revoked due to poor assessment.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMGs will be <b>assessed prior to independent practice</b>. This allows for safer patient care, as well as seamless health care delivery, as physicians will no longer need to leave their practice to be assessed.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMGs received orientation after they had their temporary license and had begun providing care to patients.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMGs will receive <b>orientation</b> to the Canadian practice environment <b>prior to assessment</b>. This helps doctors adjust to the province and increases their chances of success.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saskatchewan has been the only province in Canada that allows physicians to begin practising before being assessed.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Closely aligns Saskatchewan with national licensure standards</b> currently under development, as a result of the Agreement on Internal Trade.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About 55 physicians assessed a year.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Capable of 90 assessments a year.</b></li></ul>