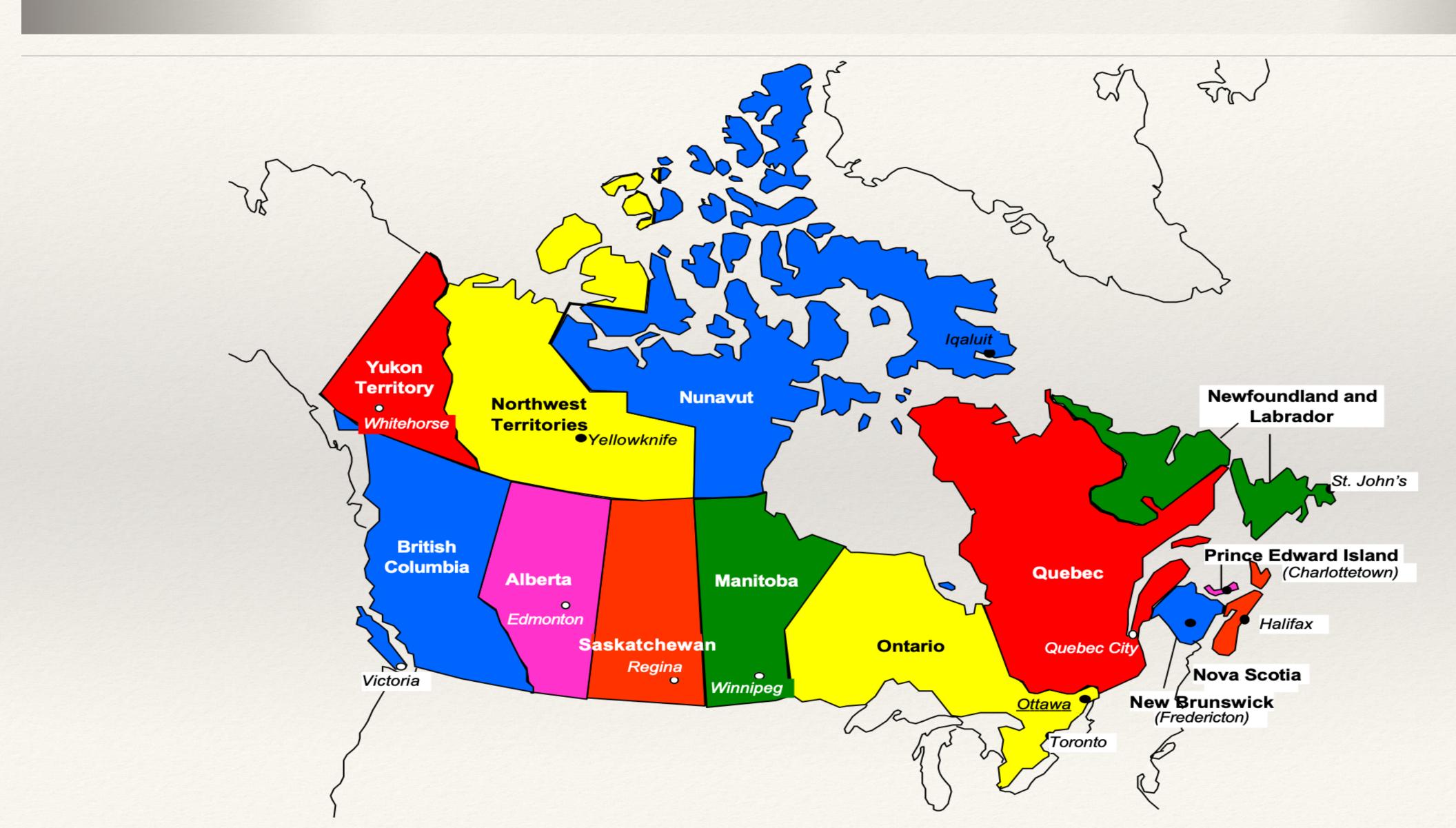


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Community Health Nursing Practice Specialties

- Public Health
- Home Health
- Primary Care



Public Health

 Improves population health by focusing on the social determinants of health (i.e.; housing, genetics, education, environment, food security)

Practice includes education, advocacy, policy development, assessment
 & teaching



Home Health Nursing

- Assist individuals in the home so they can live independently
- Coordinate care for clients
- Administer treatment, rehabilitation, support and palliative care



Primary Care

- Focus on preventing, diagnosing, teaching and managing health conditions as well as promoting health in a clinic setting
- Improves the health of populations across the continuum of care



Role of Community/Public Health Nurses During COVID-19

- Provide evidence-informed & timely information/education on COVID-19 & public health measures (i.e. social distancing, masking, hand-washing, vaccines)
- Plan & coordinate PCR testing sites, mass & mobile vaccination clinics & administer vaccines
- Engage with health colleagues for COVID planning & preparation (i.e. hospitals, schools, & long-term care facilities)
- Input into organizational policies, guidelines & recommendations
- Support community needs (i.e. immigrants, LBGTQI, Indigenous, homeless, & other vulnerable groups)

Changes to Practice: RN Prescribing

- Ontario Law (2019) changed to allow registered nurses to prescribe certain medications and communicate diagnoses for purposes of prescribing; awaiting government approval
- Call for proposals to develop educational course released May 2023
- Authorization given to nurses after they complete educational course
- Medications approved: immunization, contraception, travel health, topical wound care, smoking cessation, over-the-counter medication & epinephrine





THANK YOU!

Questions?

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