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FOR THE RECORD...

In the "Medicolegal issues" section of their Spring 2005 article¹ Worster and colleagues stated: "CNPS assistance is available up to \$2 million for each occurrence to a maximum of \$3 million per year . . .". This should read "CNPS assistance is available up to \$5 million for each occurrence to a maximum of \$5 million per year . . ." (Patricia A. McLean, Executive Director, Canadian Nurses Protective Society: personal communication, 2005; Wilma Kirenko, Chair, Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario: personal communication, 2005).

In their "Legislation and regulatory issues" section the authors¹ incorrectly stated (p. 91) that a physician is required to interpret the 101 laboratory tests listed in the *RN(EC) Practice Standard*. In fact, physicians are not required to interpret any of the now 103 investigations that an RN(EC) can do (Heather Campbell, Director, Practice and Policy, College of Nurses of Ontario: personal communication, 2005; Wilma Kirenko, Chair, Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario: personal communication, 2005). To view the *Practice Standard* and the *RN(EC) Drug and Laboratory Lists* please see

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