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**Privacy Commissioner initiates investigation into breach of patient privacy by Nova Scotia Health Authority employees**

HALIFAX – Information and Privacy Commissioner Tricia Ralph has launched an investigation following the recent disclosure of multiple instances of employees accessing medical records without valid reason at the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

When the investigation is complete, a public report will be published online at <https://oipc.novascotia.ca>.

As this is an active investigation, no additional details are available at this time.

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The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner provides independent oversight of Nova Scotia's access and privacy laws including the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Government Act (Part XX)*, the *Privacy Officer Review Act* and the *Personal Health Information Act*.

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