Scope of Practice

Scope of practice is the activities nurses are educated and authorized to carry out. Scope of practice is determined by nursing regulations, BCCNM standards, limits & conditions, employer policy, and individual competence.

LPN

RN



Activities

Nursing scope of practice activities are laid out in the nursing regulations.

Require an order from an authorized provider

General nursing activities not restricted

RESTRICTED Section 7

RESTRICTED Section 6

NOT RESTRICTED Do not require an order from an authorized provider

Autonomous

Nurses also have an *autonomous* scope of practice.

Nurses are accountable and responsible for their actions when acting within their autonomous scope of practice.

Autonomous means you can perform not restricted activities and Section 6 activities using your nursing judgment and following employer policies.

Nursing diagnosis

Nurses make a nursing diagnosis of a client's condition before determining an activity to carry out.

You must be competent to perform the chosen activity. All activities must meet BCCNM standards, limits & conditions, and employer policies.

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