

*Health Professions Act*  
**NURSES (LICENSED PRACTICAL) REGULATION**

**PROPOSED**

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## Definitions

1 In this regulation:

**"Act"** means the *Health Professions Act*;

**"compound"** means

- (a) in section 7 (1) (g), to mix 2 or more ingredients, and
- (b) in any other case, to mix a drug with one or more other ingredients;

**"dispense"** has the same meaning as in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*,

- (a) excluding a sale as defined in that Act, and
- (b) including receipt of payment on behalf of a registrant's employer for a drug dispensed or administered by the registrant, if the registrant's employer lawfully requires payment for that drug from a person in respect of the individual for or to whom it is dispensed or administered;

**"Drug Schedules Regulation"** means the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98;

**"enteral instillation"** means instillation directly into the gastrointestinal tract;

**"health professional"** means

- (a) a person who is authorized under the Act to practise dentistry, medicine, midwifery, naturopathic medicine, nursing, psychiatric nursing or podiatric medicine, or
- (b) a person who is the equivalent, in another province or a foreign jurisdiction, of a person described in paragraph (a);

**"order"** means an instruction or authorization issued, by any method, by a health professional for a registrant to provide a service that includes the performance of an activity described in

section 7 (1) to or for a named individual whom the health professional has assessed, whether or not the instruction or authorization

(a) makes provision for the time or times at which the service is to be initiated by a registrant, or

(b) incorporates by reference, in whole or in part and with any changes the health professional considers necessary or appropriate, a guideline, protocol or other recorded description of a course of action or decision-making process to be used by a registrant in providing the service to or for a specified class of individuals;

**"parenteral instillation"** means instillation directly into the blood stream;

**"practical nursing"** means the health profession in which a person provides the following services:

(a) health care for the promotion, maintenance and restoration of health;

(b) prevention, treatment and palliation of illness and injury, by

(i) assessing health status, and

(ii) planning and implementing interventions;

**"practical nursing diagnosis"** means a clinical judgment of an individual's mental or physical condition to determine whether the condition can be ameliorated or resolved by appropriate interventions of the registrant to achieve outcomes for which the registrant is accountable;

**"substance"** includes air and water but excludes a drug specified in Schedule I, IA, II or IV of the Drug Schedules Regulation;

**"wearable hearing instrument"** has the same meaning as in the Speech and Hearing Health Professionals Regulation, B.C. Reg. 413/2008.

**College name**

- 2 The name "College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia" is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for practical nursing.

**Reserved titles**

- 3 (1) The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:

- (a) licensed practical nurse;
- (b) nurse;
- (c) practical nurse.

(2) This section does not prevent a person from using the title "nurse" in a manner authorized by another regulation under section 12 of the Act.

**Scope of practice**

- 4 A registrant may practise practical nursing.

**Patient relations program**

- 5 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

**Restricted activities that do not require an order**

- 6 (1) A registrant in the course of practising practical nursing may do any of the following:
- (a) make a practical nursing diagnosis identifying a condition as the cause of the signs or symptoms of an individual;
  - (b) for the purpose of assessment, put an instrument or a device or finger
    - (i) into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, or
    - (ii) beyond the anal verge;

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(c) for the purpose of providing personal hygiene care, put an instrument or a device, hand or finger beyond the labia majora, up to the cervix;

(d) put a wearable hearing instrument, or a part or accessory of it, into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum;

(e) for the purpose of assessment, put into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, air that is under pressure no greater than that created by the use of an otoscope;

(f) apply ultrasound for the purposes of bladder volume measurement or blood flow monitoring;

(g) apply electricity using an automatic external defibrillator, for the purpose of defibrillation in the course of emergency cardiac care;

(h) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation,

- (i) compound the drug,
- (ii) dispense the drug, or
- (iii) administer the drug by any method

for the purpose of treating anaphylaxis;

(i) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule II of the Drug Schedules Regulation,

- (i) compound the drug,
- (ii) dispense the drug, or
- (iii) administer the drug
  - (A) orally, or
  - (B) by intradermal, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection,

for the purpose of preventing disease using immunoprophylactic agents.

(2) A registrant may perform an activity described in subsection (1) (i) only if standards, limits and conditions have been established, under section 19 (1) (k) or (l) of the Act, respecting the compounding, dispensing and administering of the drug by registrants.

**Restricted activities that require an order**

**7** (1) A registrant in the course of practising practical nursing may do any of the following:

- (a) perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis or below the surface of a mucous membrane;
- (b) administer a substance
  - (i) by injection,
  - (ii) by inhalation,
  - (iii) by mechanical ventilation,
  - (iv) by irrigation, or
  - (v) by enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;
- (c) put an instrument or a device, hand or finger
  - (i) into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum,
  - (ii) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,
  - (iii) beyond the opening of the urethra,
  - (iv) beyond the labia majora,
  - (v) beyond the anal verge, or
  - (vi) into an artificial opening into the body;
- (d) put into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, a substance that is under pressure;
- (e) apply ultrasound for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including application of ultrasound to a fetus;
- (f) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation,
  - (i) compound the drug,

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(ii) dispense the drug, or

(iii) administer the drug by any method;

(g) if nutrition is administered by enteral administration, compound or dispense a therapeutic diet.

(2) A registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity described in subsection (1) only if

(a) the registrant provides the service for the purpose of complying with an order, and

(b) at the time that the registrant provides the service,

(i) the health professional who issues the order is authorized, under the Act or by a body in another province or a foreign jurisdiction that regulates a health profession in that other province or foreign jurisdiction, to provide the service or issue an order for the service to be provided, and

(ii) the registrant is authorized under the Act to provide the service.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to the provision by a registrant of a service that includes the performance of an activity described in section 6 (1).