

Health Professions Act
DIETITIANS REGULATION

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Definitions

- 1 In this regulation:

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

"**compound**" means, with respect to a therapeutic diet, to mix 2 or more appropriate ingredients for parenteral or enteral nutrition;

"**dietetics**" means the assessment of nutritional needs, design,

implementation and

evaluation of nutritional care plans and therapeutic diets, the science of food and human nutrition, and dissemination of information about food and human nutrition to attain, maintain and promote the health of individuals, groups and the community; health profession in which a person provides the following services:

- (a) assessing, maintaining, restoring and promoting health as it relates to nutrition;
- (b) planning, implementing and evaluating nutrition interventions;
- (c) providing information and counselling with respect to nutrition.

"**design**" means the selection of appropriate ingredients for parenteral or enteral nutrition; includes determining

- (a) the appropriate ingredients of a therapeutic diet and the volume and proportion of those ingredients, and

(b) the method and frequency of delivering the ingredients of a therapeutic diet;

"drug" means a drug specified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation;

"dispense" means to fill a prescription for ~~nutrition~~ that is to be administered orally or by ~~parenteral or enteral~~ instillation ~~nutrition~~ or parenteral instillation;

"enteral instillation" means ~~administration of a nutritional substance to a patient by means of a feeding tube~~ instillation directly into the gastrointestinal tract;

"health professional" means a person who is authorized under the Act to practice the designated profession of medicine, nursing as a nurse practitioner, dentistry or naturopathic medicine;

"order" means an instruction or authorization, issued by a health professional, for a registrant to provide a service that includes the performance of the activity described in section 6 to or for a named individual whom the health professional has assessed, whether or not the instruction of 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 appropriates, 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 or individuals;

"parenteral instillation" means ~~administration of a nutritional substance to a patient~~ instillation directly into the blood stream.

"registrant" means a registrant who is authorized under the bylaws to practise dietetics;

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

"therapeutic diet" means a diet

(a) that includes drugs, substances or both, and

(b) is designed for the purpose of preventing or treating a disease, disorder or condition that may be significantly affected by nutrition.

College name

2 The name "College of Dietitians of British Columbia" is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for dietetics.

Reserved title

3 The title "dietitian" is reserved for exclusive use by registrants.

Scope of practice

4 A registrant may practise dietetics.

Restricted activities

~~5 No person other than a registrant who meets the additional qualifications set out in the bylaws of the college may~~

~~(a) design, compound or dispense therapeutic diets if nutrition is administered through enteral means;~~

~~(b) design therapeutic diets if nutrition is administered through parenteral means; or~~

~~(c) administer a substance to a person by instillation through enteral or parenteral means.~~

5 A registrant in the course of practicing dietetics may do any of the following:

(a) design, compound, dispense and administer a therapeutic diet, if nutrition is administered orally or by enteral instillation;

(b) design a therapeutic diet, if nutrition is administered by parenteral instillation;

(c) perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis for the purpose of managing nutrition in relation to an endocrine or metabolic disease, disorder or condition.

Limits or conditions on services

6 (1) No registrant may insert a feeding tube.

~~(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a registrant who~~

~~(a) is acting under delegated authority of a medical practitioner, and~~

~~(b) is acting in accordance with standards developed for the purposes of paragraph (a) and approved by the board and approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.~~

Restricted activities for certified practice registrants

6 (1) A registrant in the course of practicing dietetics may, for the purpose of administering nutrition by enteral instillation, put an instrument or a device, hand or finger

(a) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,

(b) beyond the pharynx, or

(c) into an artificial opening into the body.

(2) A registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of an

activity described in subsection (1) only if both of the following conditions are met:

- (a) before providing the service, the registrant has successfully completed a certification program established, required or approved under the bylaws to ensure that registrants are qualified and competent to provide that service in the practice setting in which it is to be provided by the registrant;
- (b) if the registrant provides the service for the purpose of implementing an order.

6.1 (1) Only a registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity set out in section 5 or 6 (1).

Patient relations program

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