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Nurse Practitioners Applying the Practice Standard

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Objectives

- Provide an overview of the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Practice Standard
- Provide an overview of how the Quality Assurance program applies to NPs
- Discuss questions about applying the standard
- Provide an opportunity for members to share strategies for addressing practice issues

NP Statistics

NP-Specialty Certificate	#
NP-Adult	296
NP-Paediatrics	126
NP-Primary Health Care	1,243

* Note: NPs may hold one or more Specialty Certificates

Practice Standard: Overview

- Expectations for practice, inform nurses of their accountabilities and inform the public what to expect
- Outlines the legislative framework governing NP practice in Ontario
- Sets out the “limits and conditions” associated with the performance of controlled acts:
 - embedded in legislation
 - standards established by CNO
- Core Competencies
- Glossary & Decision Tree

Quality Assurance

The QA Program includes the following components:

- Self-Assessment
 - Practice Reflection
 - Developing and maintaining a Learning Plan
- Practice Assessment
 - Submit Learning Plan to the College
 - Participate in Specified Assessments
 - Objective Test
 - Chart Review / Interview (NP only)
 - Practice Simulation (NP only)
- Peer Assessment

Quality Assurance...Updates

- First cycle of Practice Assessment occurred in April 2010
- Second cycle of Practice Assessment begins September 2010 for NP; members will be notified in August of their selection
- Practice Simulation will begin 2012

Applying the standard...

I work in an in-patient hospital setting using directives. How does the NP standard apply to my practice?

- Review expectations set out in the Practice Standard and consider relevance to your practice, even if you use directives. Examples:
 - communicating diagnoses (pg. 6)
 - prescribing (pg. 7)
 - ordering tests (pg. 8-9)
 - consulting physicians (pg. 11)

Applying the standard...

My collaborating physician has relocated and my employer has not yet recruited a replacement. Can I continue to practice in the meantime?

- Considerations include:
 - What is in the best interest of the client population?
 - What is the nature of your practice and client population?
 - What other supportive resources are available to you?
 - What is your level of experience and comfort level?
- Work with employers to ensure they understand the obligations and resources required.

Applying the standard...

Can I communicate a chronic diagnosis, such as hypertension, to a client?

- Considerations include:
 - Did you make the diagnosis?
 - Can you meet the client's immediate needs for information about the illness?
 - Can you prescribe the necessary treatment?
- Review standards for communicating a diagnosis (pg. 6) and consultation with physicians (pg. 11).

Applying the standard...

As an NP-Paediatrics, can I provide health care services to adults?

- In certain circumstances, there may be situations when this is acceptable. Considerations include:
 - Are you competent to provide the intervention for the specific client?
 - Is it in the client's best interest that you do so?
 - Can you manage the potential outcomes?
 - Do you have access to the appropriate resources?
- See “FAQs for NPs” (question #25) www.cno.org/np



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 - ppd@cnomail.org
- Outreach Program
 - <http://www.cno.org/prac/outreach/index.htm>
- Website:
 - www.cno.org
 - www.cno.org/np
 - www.cno.org/qa



Teleconference Feedback Form

Thank you for participating in the *Nurse Practitioners Practice Standard* teleconference on June 29, 2010. Please take a few minutes to complete this feedback form. Your feedback is appreciated and will help us improve our process!

You can also complete this form online at http://www.cno.org/prac/learn/teleconferences/np/np_20100629.htm

1. Usefulness of teleconference to your nursing practice:	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Useful	<input type="checkbox"/> Useful	<input type="checkbox"/> Not very Useful	<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all Useful
Please explain your answer:				

2. Satisfaction with CNO speakers':	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Please explain your answer
a) clarity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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c) responses to questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Yes	No	Unsure	Please explain your answer
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5. Other comments/ future teleconference suggestions: _____

6. Your nursing registration:

- NP
- RN
- RPN
- Non-nursing (specify): _____

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- Academia
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- Community & Public Health
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- Palliative
- Other: _____

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- Other: _____

Thank you for your feedback.

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