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# Quality Assurance Extended Class Practice Review

## Instruction Guide

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## Introduction

As a nurse registered in the Extended Class you are required to participate in a practice review at the end of your first 1800 hours of practice or first three years of registration, whichever occurs first. The specific requirements of the practice review requires the Quality Assurance Committee to:

- a) ensure that you have established an appropriate network for consultation with members of other health professions;
- b) ensure that you have practised in accordance with CNO's *Expectations for Consultation with Physicians*, and
- c) review your evaluation of your first 1800 hours of practice or first three years of registration, whichever occurs first.

## Focus of the Practice Review

As an RN(EC), you are expected to consult with members of other health professions when appropriate to ensure that the health care needs of your clients are met. The focus of the Practice Review will be your consultation network and compliance with *the Expectations for Consultation with Physicians*.

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## SECTION ONE

In this section, you are asked for information about your practice setting and the client population that you serve. This information is necessary for the assessors to understand the context of the cases that you will present in Section 2 to illustrate your consultation network.

1. Describe your place of employment, providing a clear picture of the type of setting and the mandate of the organization.
  
2. Describe your practice within your organization.
  - a. What types of clients do you typically see in your practice?
  - b. What range of health conditions and issues do your clients deal with?
  - c. Identify the determinants of health that have the greatest impact (either positively or negatively) on the health of clients seen in your practice and provide at least one example of how a determinant of health influences or impacts your practice.

*Your answer should provide an overview of the clients, the health conditions they commonly present with, their educational needs, and any social or community issues that impact/influence their health.*

3. Describe your consultation network.
  - a. Explain your current arrangements and process for consultation with a specific physician or group of physicians. Include who you consult with (i.e., the type and number of physicians), and the method of consultation (e.g., telephone, face-to-face, other).
  - b. How well does your consultation network support you in the delivery of care to your clients?

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## SECTION TWO

The *Expectations for Consultation with Physicians* outline procedural and clinical expectations for RN(EC)s. The clinical expectations describe three situations that require consultation with a physician.

From your practice experience, select **two cases** that fall within each of the three broad situations that required you to consult with a physician. Provide **a total of six cases**. Number each case according to situation type, presenting cases in the following order:

### **Cases 1 and 2**

When a diagnosis and/or treatment plan is unclear or beyond the scope of RN(EC) practice to determine.

### **Cases 3 and 4**

In potentially life-threatening situations.

### **Cases 5 and 6**

When a client's chronic condition destabilizes.

*Present each case using the following seven headings:*

#### **1. Client History**

- Provide a brief description of the client's history. Include sufficient information to inform about the client's situation.

#### **2. Assessment Findings**

- Present all assessment findings, including those from physical examination, observations and diagnostics pertinent to the client's situation and presenting problem.

#### **3. Judgment/Conclusion or Diagnosis**

- Your determination of the client's condition.

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**4. RN(EC) Nursing Management Plan and/or Interventions**

- Actions that you took/plan to take, prior to and/or in addition to consulting with a physician.

**5. Reason for and Urgency of Consultation**

- Specify the reason for consultation within the broad situation that requires consultation and indicate level of urgency.

**6. Level of Consultation Requested**

- Identify whether consultation was for an opinion and recommendation, an opinion, recommendation and concurrent intervention, or transfer of care. Include rationale for the level of consultation requested.

**7. Outcome of Consultation**

- Describe the resolution to/outcome of the client's situation.

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*Please complete the following declaration before you send your completed submission to CNO.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that all statements and information provided by me on this form are true, correct, and complete. I understand that falsification of statements and information by me on this form and/or in any attached document may constitute an act of professional misconduct which could result in my being referred in respect of that conduct to the Executive Committee of the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_