

Decision Note – March 2020 Council

RPN scope of practice: proposed revised Controlled Acts regulation

Contact for Questions

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Decision for consideration

That Council approve for notice and circulation, proposed changes, as shown in Attachment 1 to the briefing note, to Part III, Controlled Acts of Ontario Regulation 275/94: General, as amended, made under the *Nursing Act, 1991*.

Public Interest Rationale

The implementation of the proposed regulations will allow patients, in community settings, to receive more timely care.

Background

In June 2019 CNO received a [letter from Ontario's Minister of Health](#) requesting that CNO make the necessary regulatory amendments to authorize RPNs to perform of the following procedures without first obtaining an order:

- irrigating, probing, debriding and packing a wound
- venipuncture to establish peripheral intravenous access and maintain patency using a solution of normal saline (0.9 per cent), in circumstances in which the individual requires medical attention and delaying the venipuncture is likely to be harmful to the individual
- assisting with health management activities that require putting an instrument beyond the labia majora and, assessment that requires putting an instrument, hand or finger beyond the labia majora
- assessing an individual or assisting an individual with health management activities that requires putting an instrument or finger beyond an artificial opening into the patient's body

In [December 2019](#), Council supported that regulation development proceed with no additional regulatory requirements. Information that informed Council's decision can be found in the December 2019 briefing note. The attached draft regulatory amendments have been prepared by legal counsel following Council's direction.



Next Steps

- If Council approves the proposed regulation, it will be circulated.
- Consultation feedback will be shared with Council in June for your consideration.

Attachments

1. DRAFT Regulation: Part III, Controlled Acts of Ontario Regulation 275/94: General