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Delegated Medical Acts

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Introduction

The term **delegation of medical acts** describes when a physician authorizes a non-regulated individual(s) to perform an activity within the scope of practice of a physician.

The medical director and governing body must ensure delegated medical acts are defined and carried out by qualified and competent staff. The delegation of medical acts must not compromise patient safety or quality of care. Delegated acts must be within the competency of the non-regulated individual and national professional competency profiles are considered.

Delegated medical acts

No.	Description	Risk	Reference	Change
DMA1.0	DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS			New
DMA1.1	The delegation of medical acts has been approved and accepted.			New
DMA1.1.1	M The medical director may delegate selected duties and responsibilities to qualified and competent staff.	M	ISO-15189	New
DMA1.1.2	M The medical director authorizes the policies and procedures for the delegation of medical acts.	M		New
DMA1.1.3	M Approval from the medical director and governing body has been obtained prior to the delegated medical act being carried out.	M		New
DMA1.1.4	M The delegation of the medical act has been accepted by the individual(s) who will perform the delegated medical act.	M		New
DMA1.1.5	M The service maintains a list of approved medical acts and the individuals authorized to conduct each delegated medical act.	M		New
DMA1.2	Delegated medical acts are clearly defined.			New
DMA1.2.1	M Delegated medical act duties and responsibilities are documented.	M		New
DMA1.2.2	M Delegated medical act procedures and protocols are documented.	M		New
DMA1.2.3	M The method of medical supervision for delegated medical acts is documented. <i>Guidance: Medical supervision may be direct, with the physician in attendance, or through technology (video link, digital imaging, telephone), or according to a written protocol.</i>	M		New
DMA1.3	Delegated medical acts are performed by qualified and competent.			New
DMA1.3.1	M The competency requirements to perform delegated medical acts are documented.	M		New
DMA1.3.2	M Additional training is provided to individuals performing delegated medical acts.	M		New

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DMA1.3.3	<p>M An initial competency assessment of the individual performing the delegated medical act is conducted by a physician or technical delegate, prior to the individual being authorized to perform the delegated medical act.</p> <p><i>Guidance: Competency assessment of the technical delegate is conducted by a physician with relevant expertise in the medical act.</i></p>	M		New
DMA1.3.4	<p>M A routine competency assessment of the individual performing the delegated medical act is conducted by a physician or technical delegate, at defined intervals, as per the medical director.</p> <p><i>Guidance: The record of assessment for each individual is updated following the reassessment.</i></p>	M		New
DMA1.4	A competency assessment record is documented for each delegated medical act.			New
DMA1.4.1	<p>M Competency assessment records are maintained for all individuals authorized to perform delegated medical acts.</p>	M		New
DMA1.4.2	<p>M Delegated medical act competency assessment records include the date of the assessment.</p>	M		New
DMA1.4.3	<p>M Delegated medical act competency assessment records include the specific act(s) being assessed.</p>	M		New
DMA1.4.4	<p>M Delegated medical act competency assessment records include the name of the physician or technical delegate conducting the assessment.</p>	M		New
DMA1.4.5	<p>M Delegated medical act competency assessment records include the signature of the individual attesting to the competence of the individual performing the specific act(s).</p>	M		New