



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Professional Standards and Guidelines

Delegation of a Medical Act: Delegation and Orders

In August 2005, registered nursing was brought under the *Health Professions Act*. The Nurses (Registered) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation under this Act affects the practice of registered nurses and health professionals with whom they work.

The Regulation deals with different kinds of activities – reserved actions as well as activities that are not reserved. It also distinguishes between reserved actions that can be done without an order and those that require an order from an authorized health professional. When registered nurses carry out activities without an order, they are accountable for determining that the patient’s condition warrants performance of the activity and for managing the outcomes of their actions.

For more information about the Delegation and Orders, go to:

[Delegation and Orders: Joint Statement](#)

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