

# QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSESSMENT

## PART B—PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

### NP CASE EXAMPLE GUIDE



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## This guide provides information to nurse practitioners (NPs) who have been selected to participate in the College of Nurses of Ontario's (CNO's) Quality Assurance Assessment: Part B—Practice Assessment.

The purpose of this guide is to provide guidance on how to complete the NP case example.

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## What is the NP case example?

The NP case example is an assessment developed for NPs who are selected to complete QA Assessment: Part B—Practice Assessment.

It is an opportunity to present a case example from your clinical practice, that demonstrates application of the [Nurse Practitioner](#) practice standard.

## How do I prepare for the NP case example?

1. Review the [Nurse Practitioner](#) practice standard, focusing on the following four standards (beginning on page four):
  - Health Assessment
  - Diagnosis
  - Therapeutic Management
  - Collaboration, Consultation and Referral
2. Think of a client from your clinical practice that will allow you to discuss how you demonstrated these four standards in your practice.

The NP case example template can be found in your SharePoint folder. An example of a completed NP case example, can be found on CNO's QA website at: [cno.org/qa](http://cno.org/qa).

## Tips on completing the case example

We recommend you keep the [Nurse Practitioner](#) practice standard open while you complete the case example. A few additional tips to help you complete the case example are:

- Under each of the four standards, there are several indicators. You do not need to identify the indicators you are demonstrating, but rather use them to guide the content you are providing for each standard. Note that you are not required to demonstrate every indicator under each standard.
- Complete the case example in bullet point or narrative form; ensure your points are clear and complete.
- Use the same client for the entire case example; it can be based on one interaction or several interactions with the same client.
- Assume your case example will be read by another NP who may not be familiar with your clinical setting; provide enough information so that the NP will be able to follow your case example and understand your clinical reasoning.
- Do not leave any fields blank, indicate "not applicable" where appropriate.
- Use an actual example from your own practice. Do not use a hypothetical case.
- If you are currently not working, use a case from your previous employment.
- Do not include any client or colleague identifiers. You may use initials, or a generic name, such as "Mrs. A".

## How will my case example be evaluated?

Your case example will be reviewed by an NP Peer Coach. The Peer Coach will determine whether your case example is **satisfactory**, or if follow-up is required.

### To be satisfactory, your case example must:

- Be an example from your own practice
- Demonstrate application of the four standards outlined in the [Nurse Practitioner](#) practice standard.
- Provide clinical reasoning and clear rationale, where required
- Be completed in full and not contain blank fields (unless identified as “not applicable”)

The Peer Coach will not be assessing your clinical knowledge. However, to determine whether your submission is satisfactory, they should be able to follow your clinical reasoning and rationale.

If your case example is not satisfactory, you may be required to revise and resubmit your example. In the event you are asked to resubmit your example, peer coaching is available to help you improve your resubmission.

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