



Medication Practice Standard

An Overview

Introduction

The *Medication* practice standard

- is short and principle-based
- allows more flexibility in your practice

This webcast explains:

- what principle-based means
- the three principles in the standard

Learning Objectives

- Understand how key nursing concepts help you apply a principle-based document
- Understand your accountability when applying the *Medication* practice standard

What Does Principle-Based Mean?

- Broad statements
- Common nursing principles
- Accountability and responsibility
- Builds upon entry-to-practice competencies
 - Critical inquiry
 - Evidence-informed practice

Critical Inquiry & Evidence-Informed Practice

- Entry-to-practice competencies:
 - Critical inquiry
 - Evidence-informed practice

Format of the Practice Standard

- Three main principles
 - Authority
 - Competence
 - Safety
- Decision trees
- Use other practice documents to support it

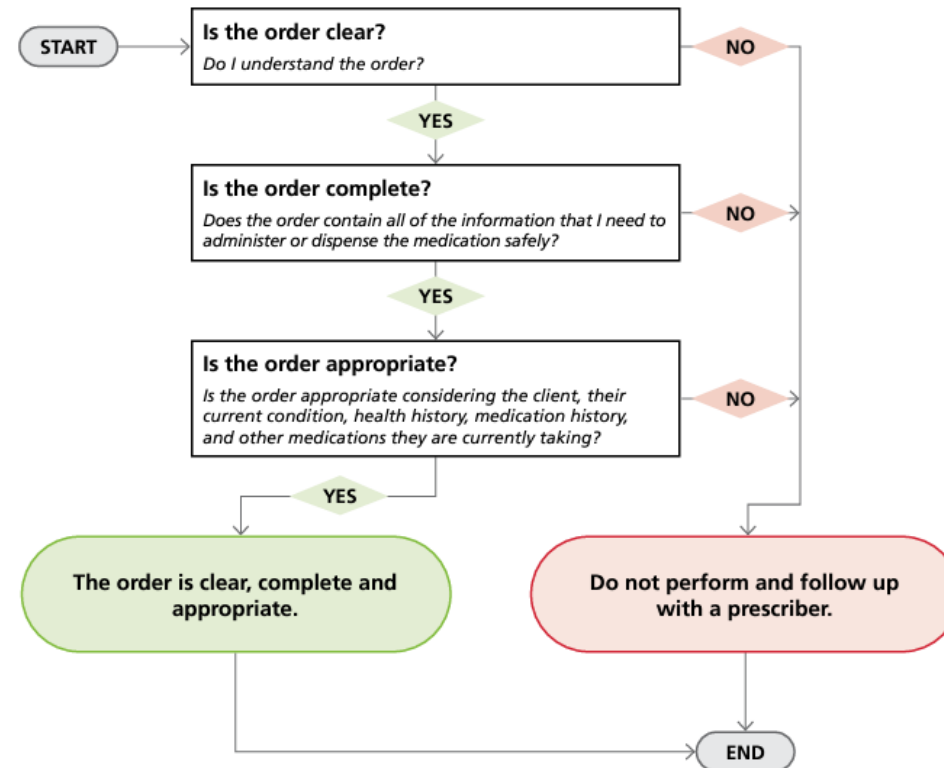
Authority

Nurses must have the necessary authority to perform medication practices.

- Describes when an order is required
- Mentions the type of order needed for controlled substances
- Outlines that orders must be clear, complete, and appropriate

DECISION TREE- Is the order clear, complete, and appropriate

Medication Decision Tree #1: Is the Order Clear, Complete and Appropriate?



Competence

Nurses ensure that they have the knowledge, skill and judgment needed to perform medication practices safely.

- Medication practice must be evidence-informed
- Know the limits of their own knowledge, skill and judgement and get help as needed
- Collaborate with and provide patient education

Safety

Nurses promote safe care and contribute to a culture of safety within their practice environments, when involved in medication practices.

- Collaborate with health care team and experts
- Advocate for system approaches

College Resources

- Practice documents
- Webcasts
- Ask Practice FAQs
- Learning modules

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