

ALBERTA REGULATION 231/2005

Health Professions Act

REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL DEFICIENCY NURSES PROFESSION REGULATION

15(1) Regulated members may, within the practice of registered psychiatric nursing or registered mental deficiency nursing and in accordance with the standards of practice governing the performance of restricted activities approved by the Council, perform the following restricted activities:

- (a) cut a body tissue to administer anything by an invasive procedure on body tissue or to perform surgical or other invasive procedures on body tissue below the dermis or the mucous membrane;
- (b) insert or remove instruments, devices, fingers or hands
 - (i) beyond the cartilaginous portion of the ear canal;
 - (ii) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow;
 - (iii) beyond the pharynx;
 - (iv) beyond the opening of the urethra;
 - (v) beyond the opening of the labia majora;
 - (vi) beyond the anal verge;
 - (vii) into an artificial opening in the body;
- (c) insert liquid into the ear canal under pressure;
- (d) dispense, compound, provide for selling or sell a Schedule 1 drug or Schedule 2 drug within the meaning of the *Pharmaceutical Profession Act*;
- (e) administer a vaccine to those age 5 years or older;
- (f) administer parenteral nutrition;
- (g) administer blood or blood products;

- (h) administer diagnostic imaging contrast agents;
- (i) administer anaesthetic gases, including nitrous oxide for the purposes of sedation;
- (j) administer radiopharmaceuticals, radiolabelled substances, radioactive gases or radioaerosols;
- (k) perform a psychosocial intervention with an expectation of treating a substantial disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs
 - (i) judgment,
 - (ii) behaviour,
 - (iii) capacity to recognize reality, or
 - (iv) ability to meet the ordinary demands of life.

(2) Despite subsection (1)(d), a regulated member performing the restricted activity described in that subsection shall not distribute, trade or barter for money or valuable consideration, or keep for sale or offer for sale a Schedule 1 drug or a Schedule 2 drug within the meaning of the *Pharmaceutical Profession Act*, but may distribute or give away a Schedule 1 drug or a Schedule 2 drug without expectation or hope of compensation or reward.

(3) A regulated member with advanced training approved by the Council may perform the restricted activity of administering a vaccine to persons less than 5 years of age.

(4) A regulated member may perform the restricted activity of reducing a dislocation of a joint with the consent of and under the supervision of a regulated member of another college if the Council of that college, by regulation, authorizes a regulated member under Schedule 25 to the Act to perform that restricted activity under the supervision of its regulated members.

Restriction

16 Despite section 15, regulated members must restrict themselves in performing restricted activities to those activities that they are competent to perform and to those that are appropriate to the member's area of practice and the procedure being performed in accordance with the standards of practice governing the performance of restricted activities approved by the Council.

As stated in the:

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT

Chapter H-7

Schedule 25

Use of titles, etc.

2 A regulated member of the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta may, as authorized by the regulations, use any of the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) registered psychiatric nurse;
- (b) psychiatric nurse;
- (c) mental deficiency nurse;
- (d) registered mental deficiency nurse;
- (e) repealed 2001 c21 s47;
- (f) RPN;
- (g) PN;
- (h) repealed 2001 c21 s47;
- (i) MDN;
- (j) RMDN.

RSA 2000 cH-7 Sched. 25 s2;2001 c21 s47;2005 c13 s4(17)

Practice

3(1) In their practice, psychiatric nurses apply nursing knowledge and skills and judgment and do one or more of the following:

- (a) work with individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities,

(b) assess and help address physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health needs,

(c) develop diagnoses and plan, implement and evaluate nursing care and make referrals,

(c.1) teach, counsel and advocate to enhance health and well-being,

(c.2) co-ordinate, supervise, monitor and evaluate the provision of health services,

(c.3) teach nursing theory and practice,

(c.4) manage, administer and allocate resources related to health services,

(c.5) engage in research related to health and the practice of nursing, and

(d) provide restricted activities authorized by the regulations.

(2) In their practice, mental deficiency nurses, with a focus on developmentally challenged individuals, apply nursing knowledge, skill and judgment and do one or more of the following:

(a) work with individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities,

(b) assess physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health needs,

(c) develop diagnoses and plan, implement and evaluate nursing care,
and

(d) provide restricted activities authorized by the regulations.