Learning Objectives

Review concepts related to scope of practice of RNs in BC.

Discuss implications for public health nursing.
Protecting the **public** by effectively regulating registered nurses and nurse practitioners.
Standards of Practice

- Professional
- Practice
- Scope
RN
Employer
CRNBC
Provincial Government
CRNBC Standards, Limits and Conditions
RN Competence

Employer Policies

CRNBC Standards, Limits and Conditions

RN/NP Regulation
Restricted Activities

Clinical activities that pose a significant risk of harm to the public & are therefore reserved for specified health professionals only.

CRNBC Limits

Activities that RNs are not permitted to do in B.C.
CRNBC Conditions

Specific circumstances under which RNs may carry out certain activities in B.C.
Decision Support tools

Evidence-based documents used by registered nurses to guide assessment, diagnosis and treatment of client-specific clinical problems.
How nurses can act:

• without an order
• with an order
• with a CRNBC Certification
• through delegation
ORDERS
1. Physicians
2. Dentists
3. Nurse Practitioners
4. Midwives
5. Podiatrists
6. Naturopaths
CRNBC Standards for Acting without an Order

- accountability
- evidence based
- competence
Types of practice

• General
• Certified
• Nurse Practitioner
Practice changes when there is:

- Employer policies
- Individual competence
Understanding the Scope of Registered Nurses’ Practice