

CRNBC Decision Support Tools & Scope of Practice for Registered Nurses

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Learning Objectives

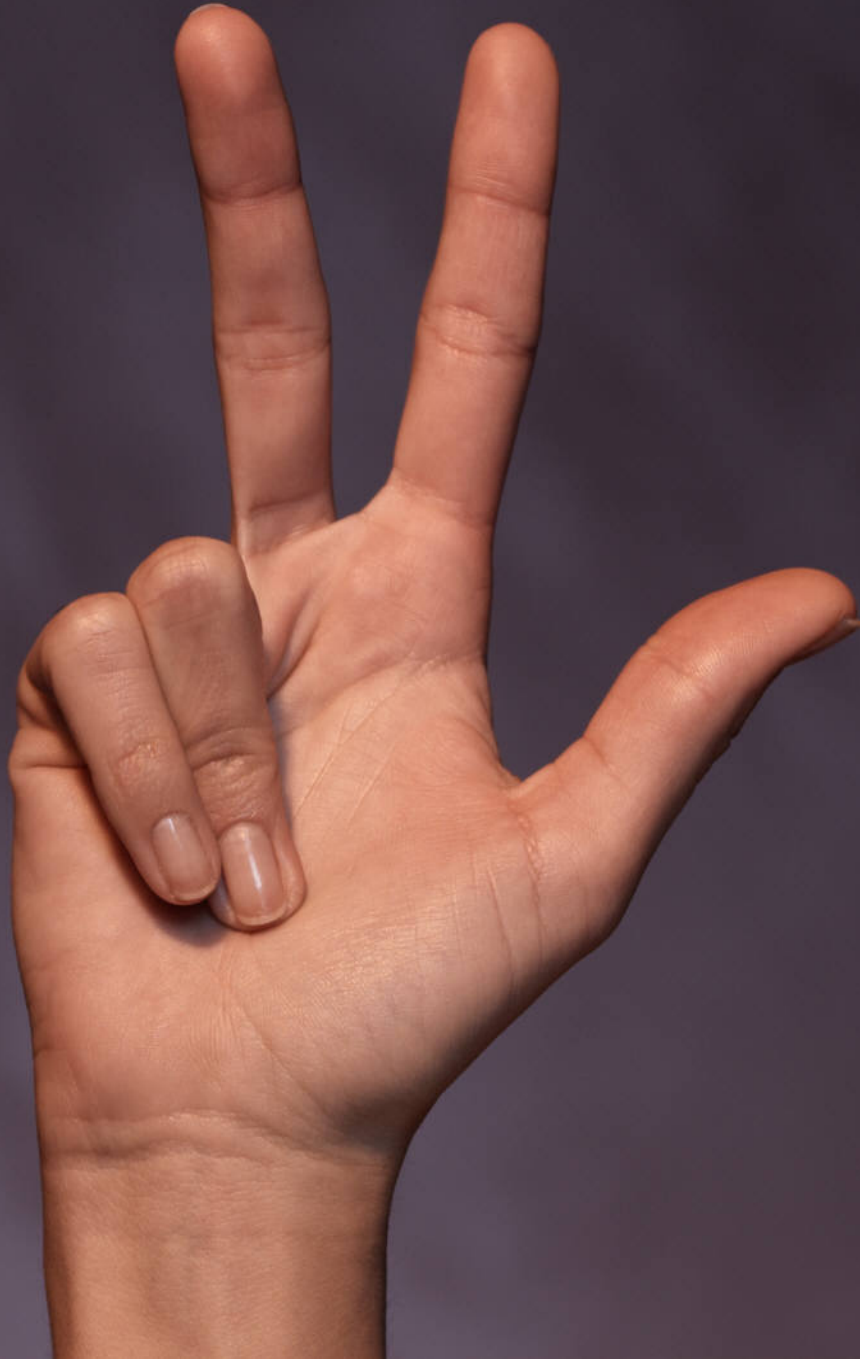
Review concepts related to scope of practice of RNs in BC.

Discuss implications for public health nursing.



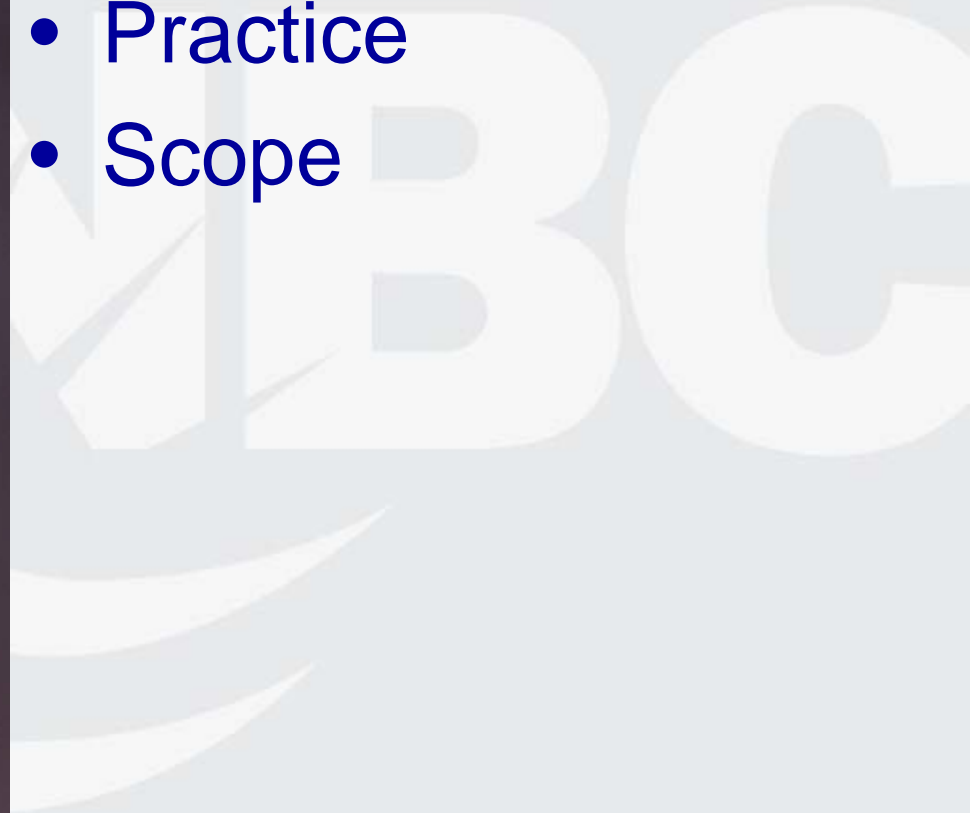
Protecting the **public** by effectively regulating registered nurses and nurse practitioners.





Standards of Practice

- Professional
- Practice
- Scope



RN

Employer

CRNBC

**Provincial
Government**

RN
Competence

Employer
Policies

CRNBC Standards,
Limits and Conditions

RN/NP Regulation

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Restricted Activities

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

http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg/pdfs/HPGR_proposed_restricted_activities_Dec_11-2008.pdf



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

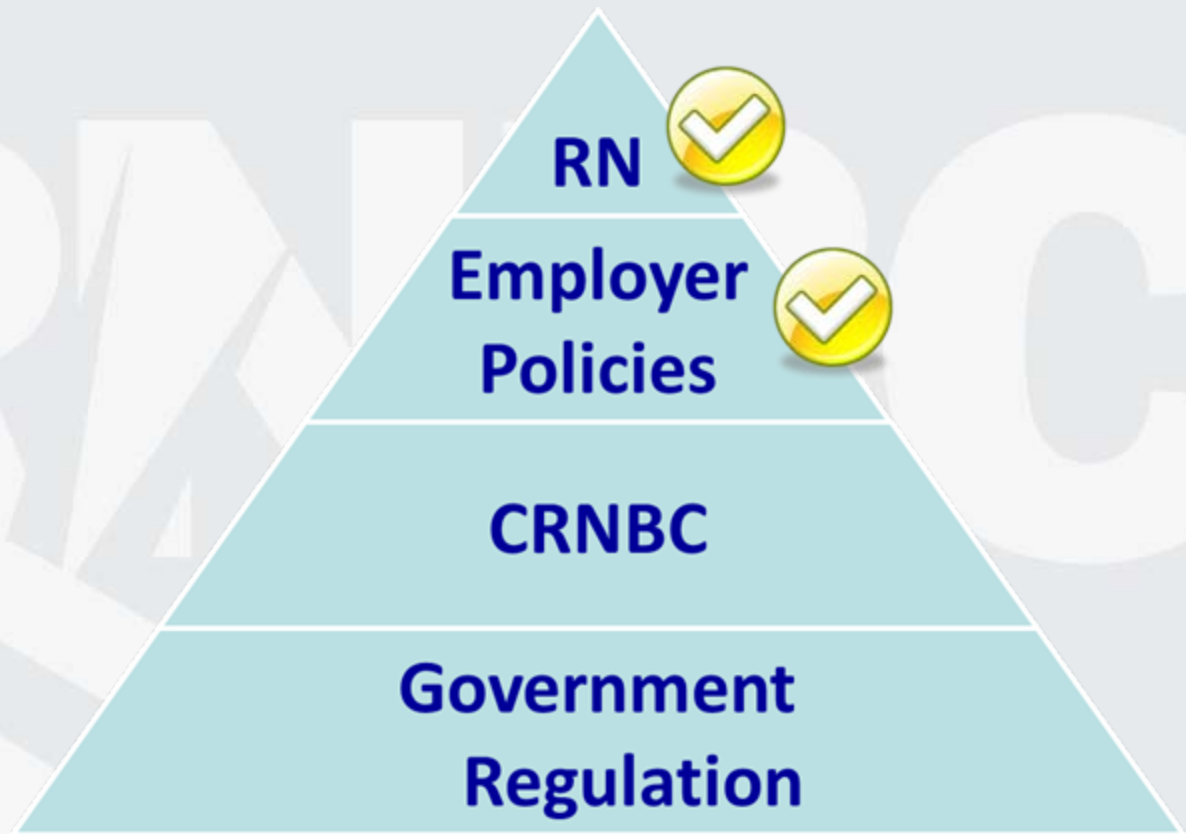
- accountability
- evidence based
- competence

Types of practice

- General
- Certified
- Nurse Practitioner

Practice changes when there is:

- Employer policies
- Individual competence



Understanding the Scope of Registered Nurses' Practice

- How to Work Through the Module
- Standards of Practice Overview
- Health Professions Act: An Overview
- Scope of Practice
- Nursing Practice Activities: Not Restricted
- Restricted Activities without an Order: Section 6
- Restricted Activities With an Order: Section 7
- Restricted Activities For CRNBC Certified Practice: Section 8
- Restricted Activities Outside Scope of Practice: Delegation
- Final Thoughts
- Learning Resources