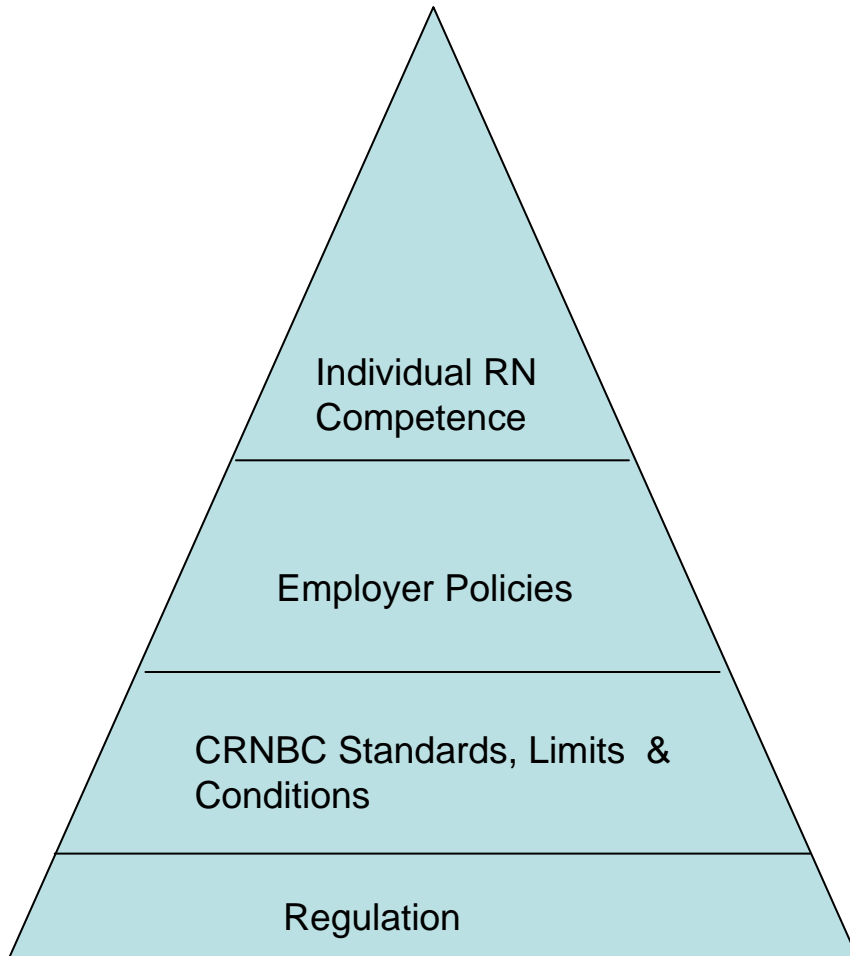


Pearls from Breakout Session #2

CRNBC Decision Support Tools and RN Scope of Practice

- This breakout session looked at RN Scope of Practice from both a policy and a practice perspective.
- Barbara Willson, a Practice Consultant with CRNBC, discussed the “RN Scope of Practice” document and Decision Support Tools for immunizing nurses.
- Jasmeen Gahunia, a Communicable Disease Nurse Coordinator with Fraser Health , discussed her expanded role around management of Adverse Events following Immunization

Controls on Nursing Practice



- Regulation refers to the Health Professions Act
- CRNBC Standards, Limits and Conditions are outlined in the Scope of Practice for Registered Nurses, which refers to activities that nurses are educated and authorized to perform (available at <https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/Lists/StandardResources//433ScopeforRegisteredNurses.pdf>)
- Employer policies will determine what the RN can do in a workplace
- The individual competence of the RN
The nurse is responsible for assessing his/her capability to carry out an activity

Decision Support Tools

- The Decision Support Tools for immunizing without a physician's order are the BC Communicable Disease Control Guidelines Chapter 1: Management of Specific Diseases and Chapter 2: Immunization Program
- Not all specific situations will be covered in the guidelines: nurses can seek advice from other health professionals to determine the most appropriate nursing intervention for a client. **Nurses can consult with other nurses**
- Direction from a colleague would include a reference/rationale for the action to be taken
- Nurses seeking direction are solely accountable for performing the action recommended

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- Jasmeen Gahunia has a key role in the management of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)
 - This role developed following a review of existing AEFI management in FHA (e.g., workload, wait times for a recommendation)
 - Jasmeen works closely with the MHO, consulting the MHO as needed
 - This expanded role is within the Scope of Practice for nurses
- The role involves reviewing all AEFIs, making decisions for future immunizations or making recommendations to a family physician for further follow-up.
 - Recommendations are supported by references or rationale for the action
 - This model could be used in other regions
 - **This expanded role is of benefit to the clients**