

### 23.3 **Delegation to Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses**

- (a) A duly qualified medical practitioner may delegate to a Registered Nurse the following activities which are the practice of medicine as defined in the *Act*:
- (i) Services provided by a Registered Nurse while acting as a member of a Registered Nurse Neonatal Intensive Transport Team;
  - (ii) Services provided by a Registered Nurse while acting as a member of a Registered Nurse Pediatric Transport Team;
  - (iii) Services provided by a Registered Nurse while acting as a member of an Air Ambulance Team;
  - (iv) Services provided by a Registered Nurse while acting as a member of a STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue) team;
  - (v) The administration of laser radiation for a medical purpose, but only when the physician has first assessed the patient and established a treatment plan for the administration of laser radiation and the physician is present in the same location as the laser therapy is provided;
  - ~~(vi) The injection of agents which have an effect on or elicit a response from living tissue (bioactive agents), but only when the physician has first assessed the patient and established a treatment plan for the injection;~~
  - ~~(vii) Services when acting as a surgical assistant in an operating room within a facility operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or within an accredited non-hospital treatment facility if the Registered Nurse has been assessed as competent to act as a surgical assistant by the Saskatchewan Health Authority;~~
  - (viii)** Services provided by a Registered Nurse when acting as a member of the Saskatchewan Transplant Program.
- (b) Except in the situation of an emergency, prior to delegating the authority for a Registered Nurse to perform an activity the physician must be satisfied that the individual to whom the act will be delegated has the appropriate knowledge, skill and judgment to perform the delegated act. The delegatee must be able to carry out the act as competently and safely as the delegating physician, or in the case of paragraph (a)**(vii)**, as competently and safely as another duly qualified medical practitioner who has been granted privileges by the Saskatchewan Health Authority to act as a surgical assistant.
- (c) Except in the situation of an emergency, the authority to delegate must be provided in writing to the delegatee, and must contain:
- (i) a specific description of the activities which have been delegated;
  - (ii) any conditions or restrictions associated with the delegation (only to be exercised after prior consultation with a physician, only to be exercised if a patient has a specific medical condition, any time limitation on the delegated authority, etc.)
- (d) A delegation is only valid if the delegatee accepts the delegation.
- (e) A delegation may be revoked by the delegating physician at any time.
- (f) A physician who has delegated an activity shall retain a copy of the document which authorizes the delegation.
- (g) A delegation is only valid while the delegating physician is generally available to provide oversight and advice to the delegatee. If the physician who has delegated the activity no longer has oversight responsibility for the delegated activity, the delegation is no longer valid.
- (h) A physician delegating an activity pursuant to this bylaw must provide the appropriate level of supervision to ensure that the act is performed properly and safely.

- (i) A duly qualified medical practitioner may delegate to a Licensed Practical Nurse the authority to inject agents which have an effect on or elicit a response from living tissue (bioactive agents), but only when the physician has first assessed the patient and established a treatment plan for the injection.
- (j) The provisions of paragraphs (b) through (h) apply to a delegation to a Licensed Practical Nurse

### **23.5 Providing directives to Registered Nurses authorizing the injection of bioactive agents**

- (a) A duly qualified medical practitioner ("physician") may provide a directive authorizing a Registered Nurse to assess a patient/client for suitability to receive an injection of a bioactive agent, to make a decision whether providing an injection of a bioactive agent is appropriate, and/or to inject a patient/client with a bioactive agent, only if all of the requirements of this bylaw are met.
- (b) The scope of practice of the physician must include the ability to assess patients/clients for suitability to receive injections of bioactive agents and to administer bioactive agents.
- (c) The physician must be satisfied that the Registered Nurse who will be providing services associated with bioactive agents has the appropriate knowledge, skill and judgment and is able to carry out the services as competently and safely as the physician.
- (d) The physician must provide a written directive setting out the specific services which the Registered Nurse is authorized to provide, and any requirements for supervision by a physician.
- (e) The directive must be provided to the Registered Nurse and the physician must retain a copy of the directive.
- (f) The directive must have a date after which the directive is no longer valid, cannot be effective for more than one year, and may be revoked by the physician at any time.
- (g) The physician must be generally available to provide oversight and advice to the Registered Nurse who is providing services associated with bioactive agents.
- (h) If the physician no longer has oversight responsibility for the services associated with bioactive agents, they must revoke any directive granted.
- (i) The physician must be familiar with the expectations of the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan related to Registered Nurses providing services associated with bioactive agents, and must be satisfied that the Registered Nurse's practice will be consistent with those expectations.
- (j) It is unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct for a physician to provide a directive to a Registered Nurse authorizing the injection of bioactive agents unless the requirements of this bylaw are met.

### **23.6 Ordering or supplying bioactive agents for administration by another person**

- (a) A duly qualified medical practitioner ("physician") may only order or supply agents which have an effect on or elicit a response from living tissue (bioactive agents) for administration by another person if:
  - i. the scope of practice of the physician includes the ability to assess patients/clients for suitability to receive injections of bioactive agents and to administer bioactive agents; and
  - ii. the person who will administer the bioactive agent has received a directive under bylaw 23.5; or

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- iii. the person who will administer the bioactive agent has been authorized to administer bioactive agents under bylaw 23.3; or
  - ix. the person who will administer the bioactive agent is a registered healthcare practitioner whose scope of practice includes assessing patients for suitability to receive injections of bioactive agents and administering bioactive agents.
- (b) It is unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct for a physician to order or supply bioactive agents for administration by another person unless the requirements of this bylaw are met.