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Restricted activity for psychiatric nurses requiring prior authorization

62 A regulated member on the registered psychiatric nurse register who meets the requirements approved by the council and who has been authorized by the registrar or the registration committee, in the practice of registered psychiatric nursing, may perform in accordance with standards of practice and the scope of the authorization given by the registrar or the registration committee the restricted activity of prescribing a Schedule 1 drug.

Respiratory Therapists**Restricted activities for respiratory therapists**

63(1) For the purpose of this section, “assisting” means a regulated member of another college or a physician is on-site directing the procedure being performed.

(2) For the purposes of section 1.3 and Schedule 26 to the Act, a regulated member on the general register, provisional register or courtesy register, in the practice of respiratory therapy, may perform in accordance with standards of practice the following restricted activities:

- (a) to 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 for the following purposes:
 - (i) performing blood analyses;
 - (ii) assisting with cardiac procedures;
 - (iii) performing hemo-dynamic monitoring;
 - (iv) assisting with anesthesia;
 - (v) administering injections;
 - (vi) suturing;
 - (vii) performing routine wound care;
- (b) to insert or remove instruments, devices, fingers or hands beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow and beyond the pharynx for the purpose of inserting or removing tubes;
- (c) to administer blood or blood products when assisting with anesthesia;

- (d) to administer anesthetic gases, including nitrous oxide, for the purposes of anesthesia or sedation when assisting with the provision of anesthesia or bronchodilation.

**Restricted activities for respiratory therapists
requiring advanced training and authorization**

64(1) A regulated member referred to in section 63(2) who

- (a) has provided evidence satisfactory to the registrar of having completed and remaining current in the advanced training required by the council, and
- (b) has received notification from the registrar that authorization is indicated on the appropriate category of regulated members register

may perform in accordance with standards of practice the restricted activities listed in subsection (2) for the purposes of performing extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, needle thoracentesis and the insertion and maintenance of chest tubes.

(2) For the purpose of this section, a regulated member referred to in subsection (1) may perform the following restricted activities:

- (a) to 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 for the purpose of insertion and maintenance of chest tubes, insertion of central venous pressure catheters and needle thoracentesis;
- (b) to insert or remove instruments, devices, fingers or hands into an artificial opening into the body for the purpose of insertion and maintenance of chest tubes, insertion of central venous pressure catheters and needle thoracentesis;
- (c) to administer blood or blood products for the purpose of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation;
- (d) to order any form of ionizing radiation in medical radiography for the purpose of ordering a chest X-ray.

Social Workers

Restricted activities for social workers

65 For the purposes of section 1.3 and Schedule 27 to the Act, a regulated member on the general register, provisional register or courtesy register, in the practice of social work, may be authorized