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POLICY:

The Director of Health Programs delegate shall conduct an audit of controlled substances in each health centre at least once a year in accordance with the Nunavut Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee *Policy and Procedures for Handling Controlled Substances in Community Health Centres and Birthing Centre in Nunavut.*

The findings of the audit shall be documented on the Nunavut *Controlled Substances Audit* form.

PRINCIPLES:

- The Regional office of Health and Social Services (HSS) is responsible for maintaining control of the controlled substances in each of its community health settings. The audit will be conducted during the annual community visit.
- Audits of controlled substances provides a mechanism to:
 - Ensure controlled substances are being dispensed appropriately.
 - Assist in identifying potential abuse and/misuse of drugs.
- The focus of monitoring /auditing is for continuous quality improvement.





REFERENCES:

Controlled Drug and Substances Act R.S.C. 1996, c.19

Nunavut Pharmacy and Therapeutics *Policy and Procedures for Handling Controlled Substances in Community Health Centres and Birthing Centre in Nunavut*

Government of Nunavut *Controlled Substances Audit form*

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