 Department of Health Government of Nunavut		NURSING POLICY, PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOLS	
		Community Health Nursing	
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Provision of Care in Emergency Situations		Administration	05-016-00
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APPLIES TO:			
Community Health Nurses			

POLICY 1:

In the event that a client's needs exceed the services and equipment available to the community health centre, the client shall be transferred via a medical evacuation to the nearest referral centre for further treatment.

Regional Health and Social Services shall establish a process for initiating and completing a medical evacuation, in accordance with the Government of Nunavut *Client Travel Policy*.

POLICY 2:

In an emergency situation, the registered nurse is permitted to perform those acts contained within the Dental Profession Act, the Medical Profession Act, the Pharmacy Act, or the Veterinary Profession Act. The nurse should be knowledgeable about those sanctioned acts as he/she may be held liable if injuries or death were caused by gross negligence.

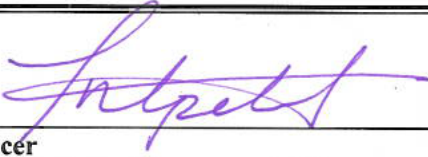

PRINCIPLES:

"Nothing in the Dental Profession Act, the Medical Profession Act, the Pharmacy Act, or the Veterinary Profession Act prohibits a person who holds an existing certificate of registration from doing, in the course of administering emergency medical aid or treatment, anything for which a license is required under any of those acts or from doing anything in an emergency in an attempt to relieve pain and suffering of a person or animal, nor shall she be held liable for civil damages such as a result of acts of commission or omission performed in good faith in the course of administering emergency medical aid unless it is established that injuries or death were caused by gross negligence on his/her part."

Nunavut *Nursing Act* (S.Nu. 2003, c.17).

RELATED POLICIES, GUIDELINES OR LEGISLATION:

Nunavut Nursing Act (S.Nu. 2003, c.17)

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