



Prescriber Identification

1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to help improve patient safety by ensuring that prescribers can be readily identified both during the delivery of care and retrospectively on chart review.

Prescriber identification is essential for both patient safety and medical-legal reasons. This issue will become ever more significant as the range of health professionals with prescribing authority is expanded as a result of the evolution of the BC Health Professions Act.

1.2. Scope

This policy applies to all Medical Staff with prescribing privileges at Providence Health Care (PHC).

This policy applies to all written orders. For all sites using electronic order entry, this policy applies during downtime and for any procedures for which electronic order entry is not available.

1.3. Exceptions

This policy does not apply to electronic order entry.

2. Policy

All orders written in the health care record must include the following prescriber identification:

- Printed name
- Signature
- Identification Number of applicable professional licensing body (e.g. CPSBC, BCCNM, BCCOHP)

3. Responsibilities

3.1. Prescribers

After writing an order in the patient, client, or resident's health care record, the prescriber will print their name, their professional licensing body identification number and sign the order.

3.2. Health Care Providers

Health care providers who are authorized to accept a verbal order from a prescriber will document the prescriber's name and professional licensing body identification number in the health care record.



4. Compliance

All Medical Staff and other health care providers at PHC are responsible for adhering to this policy and monitoring their activities in accordance with the policy. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment, services or privileges.

5. Supporting Documents

5.1. Related Policies

[Orders Management](#)

[Documentation](#)

5.2. Guidelines/Procedures/Forms

[Medical Staff Bylaws](#) (PHC)

[Medical Staff Rules](#) (PHC)

6. Definitions

“**BCCNM**” means British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives.

“**BCCOHP**” means British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals.

“**CPSBC**” means College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.



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