

Nurse Independent Activities (NIA)/Nurse Initiated Protocols (NIP) Approved at PHC

Need to Know:

Nurse Independent Activities (NIA) and Nurse Initiated Protocol (NIP)

Refer to the [policy](#) for responsibilities and more information

VCH, PHC and PHSA may optimize nursing scope of practice within their respective organization by authorizing a nurse to perform certain restricted activities without an order i.e. independently. The **nurse is solely accountable** for all aspects (intended and unintended outcomes) of the intervention or activity completed.

2.1.1. Limits

Any prescriber-signed client-specific order (pre-printed, written or electronic PowerPlan) always has precedence over any NIA or NIP.

The nurse performs only those NIAs and NIPs that have been approved by PHC using appropriate tools and documents and following professional college standards and the NIA/NIP policy.

2.1.2. Conditions

The enactment of a NIA must be communicated to the MRP at a time appropriate to the clinical situation and/or as directed by the related NIA /NIP document.

Nurses must complete the [Learning Hub](#) NIA/NIP module prior to enacting NIAs and NIPs at PHC.

Approved PHC NIAs/NIPs

See specific documents for more information

1. [Anaphylaxis - Initial Emergency Treatment](#) (and [Hemodialysis: Anaphylaxis Treatment](#))
2. [Critical Care Outreach Team Investigation and Early Interventions](#) Nurse Initiated Protocol (NIP)
3. [Dispensing Medications \(Nurses\)](#)
4. [Dispensing Naloxone Kits to Clients at Risk of Opioid Overdose \(Adults and Youth\)](#)
5. Emergency Department Specific:
 - a. [Abdominal Pain \(Acute Non-Traumatic\): Management \(Adult 17 years and older\)](#)
 - b. [Asthma Exacerbation \(Acute\): Initial Management in Known Asthmatics \(Pediatrics 1 year to less than 17 years of age\)](#)



- c. [Management of an Acute Asthma Exacerbation in **Adults** with Known Asthma in Acute and Community Care](#)
- d. [Chest Pain Management \(**Adult** 17 years and older\)](#)
- e. [Fever: Treatment for Discomfort and Malaise \(**Pediatric** age less than 17 years\)](#)
- f. [Pain Management: Acute Mild \(**Pediatric** age less than 17 years\)](#)
- g. [Pain Management: Acute Mild to Moderate \(**Adult** 17 years and older\)](#)
- h. [Radiographs \(X-Rays\): Nurse Requisitioning of Distal Upper and Distal Lower Extremity \(**Adult** age 17 years and older\)](#)
- i. [Radiographs \(X-rays\): Nurse Requisitioning of Upper and Lower Extremity \(**Pediatric** age 5 to 16 years of age\)](#)
- j. [Sepsis-like Signs and Symptoms: Management \(**Adult** 17 years and older\)](#)
- k. [Sepsis Early Identification and Treatment Using Cerner EHR Protocol](#)
- 6. [Hypoglycemia: Management in Adults](#)
- 7. [Immunization Practice \(**limited**\)](#)
- 8. [Management of Labour](#) in an Institutional Setting if the Primary Maternal Care Provider is Absent – Core Competencies & Decision Support Tools
- 9. [Naloxone Administration in the Management of Suspected Opioid Overdose in **Community Settings** \(Adults and Youth\)](#)
- 10. [Opioid Overdose \(Suspected\): Management , Including Naloxone Administration without a Provider Order](#)
- 11. [Oxygen Therapy in **Acute Care**](#)
- 12. [Oxygen Therapy in **Long Term Care**](#)
- 13. [Tobacco Dependence Management Guideline](#)
- 14. [Tobacco Use: Guideline for Supporting Residents in the Management of Nicotine Withdrawal \(LTC\)](#)
- 15. [Urinary Catheterization](#) (Intermittent, as per protocol)

Related Documents

- 1. [BCD-11-11-40001](#) - Nurse independent Activities (NIA) and Nurse-Initiated Protocols (NIP) POLICY
- 2. [BC College of Nurses and Midwives:](#)
 - a. Nurse Practitioners
 - [Practice Standards](#)
 - [NP Scope of Practice:](#) Standards Limits and Conditions
 - b. Registered Nurses
 - [Practice Standards](#)
 - [RN Scope of Practice:](#) Standards , Limits and Conditions
 - c. Registered Psychiatric Nurses



- [RPN Practice Standards](#)
- [RPN Scope of Practice](#): Standards , Limits and Conditions
- d. Licensed Practical Nurses
 - [LPN Practice Standards](#)
 - [LPN Scope of Practice](#): Standards, Limits and Conditions

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