

Title : Regulations Governing Nurse Practitioners Carrying out Medical Activities under the Supervision of a Physician

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Article 1

The Regulations are established in accordance with Paragraph 4 of Article 24 of the Nursing Personnel Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

Article 2

The term “Medical Activities under the Supervision of a Physician” (hereinafter referred to as “medical activities”), as outlined in Paragraph 3 of Article 24 of the Act, refers to nurse practitioners or professional registered nurses who are receiving nurse practitioner training (nurse practitioners in training) and performing the medical activities listed in Article 6 under the supervision of a physician.

The supervision referred to in the preceding paragraph refers to a physician’s instructions, guidance or supervision of nurse practitioners or nurse practitioners in training. During such supervision, a physician is not required to be personally present.

Article 3

Nurse practitioners may only perform medical activities during the effective period of their nurse practitioner certificate and their training period at a training hospital.

Article 4

Medical institutions that employ nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training to carry out medical activities under supervision shall set up a Nurse Practitioner Medical Practice Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”).

The Committee of a medical institution shall be composed of physicians, nurse practitioners and nursing department heads, with a deputy director or above serving as the convener.

The Committee of a nursing institution shall be composed of physicians and nurse practitioners, with the head of the nursing institution serving as the convener.

Article 5

The Committee shall handle the following matters:

1. Establish the standard operating procedures for nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training when performing medical activities, including the supervising physician, medical orders, records and mechanisms for reporting patient conditions and treatment outcomes.



2. Determine the scope of medical activities that nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training may perform under Article 6 and their specific training.
3. Develop the pre-established specific medical procedures and standard operating procedures in paper or electronic form.
4. Regularly review the appropriateness and quality of medical activities performed by nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training.

The medical institution or nursing institution shall approve the content and standard operating procedures for the pre-established specific medical procedures as stipulated in Sub-paragraph 3 of the preceding paragraph.

Article 6

The scope of medical activities performed by nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training is as follows:

1. Non-invasive medical treatments:
 - (1) Issue the relevant medical order forms as the pre-established specific medical procedure stipulates.
 - (2) Initial comprehensive judgment of examinations and tests.
 - (3) Medical consultation.
 - (4) Preparation of medical, surgical and anesthesia records.
 - (5) Assistance with mental health treatment.
 - (6) Application and removal of casts.
2. Invasive medical treatments: The types and items are as specified in Tables 1 and 2.

Article 7

The content of the pre-established specific medical procedure stipulated in Sub-paragraph 3 of Article 5 shall include the following items:

1. The scope of medical activities performed per the preceding article.
2. Patient symptoms, medical history, physical assessment and other relevant circumstances or diagnoses.
3. Relevant medical order forms that may be performed.
4. Medical treatments and measures to be performed.
5. Reporting the patient's condition and treatment results to the supervising physician.
6. Recording the medical treatments.
7. The supervising physician's supervision method.
8. Specific training standards, requirements and competency assessment methods that nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training must possess.



Article 8

After nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training have executed the pre-established specific medical procedure, the supervising physician shall complete the verification and signature within 24 hours. When performing other medical activities, the supervising physician shall complete the paper or electronic prescription record within 24 hours.

A nursing institution may perform the verification, signature and record mentioned in the preceding paragraph via information and communication technology or facsimile.

Article 9

When performing medical activities, nurse practitioners and nurses practitioners in training for specialization shall wear or display a badge to sufficiently identify their identity.

Article 10

These Regulations shall come into force as of the date of promulgation.

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Table 1: The categories and items of invasive medical procedures performed by internal medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and family medicine nurse practitioners and nurse practitioners in training include:

類型	項目
(一) 傷口之處置	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 鼻部、口腔傷口填塞止血。 2. 未及於肌肉及肌腱之表層傷口縫合。 3. 拆線。
(二) 管路之處置	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 初次胃管置入。 2. Nelaton 導管更換、灌洗或拔除。 3. 非初次胃造瘻(Gastrostomy)管更換。 4. 非初次腸造瘻(Enterostomy)管更換。 5. 非初次恥骨上膀胱造瘻(Suprapubic Cystostomy)管更換。 6. 胃造瘻(Gastrostomy)管拔除。 7. 腸造瘻(Enterostomy)管拔除。 8. 動靜脈雙腔導管拔除。 9. Penrose 導管拔除。 10. 真空引流管(Hemovac)拔除。 11. 真空球形引流管(Vacuum Ball)拔除。 12. 胸管(Chest Tube)拔除。 13. 肋膜腔、腹腔引流管拔除。 14. 周邊靜脈置入中央導管(PICC/PCVC)置入及拔除。 15. 經皮腎造瘻術(Percutaneous Nephrostomy)引流管拔除。 16. 膀胱固定引流管(Cystofix)拔除。 17. 周邊動脈導管(Arterial Line)置入及拔除。 18. Intravesical instillation. 19. Post-operative bladder irrigation. 20. Endotracheal tube removal. 21. Sheath removal after cardiac catheterization. 22. Central venous catheter removal.
(三) 檢查之處置	陰道擴張器(鴨嘴器)置入採集檢體。
<p>註 1：類型(一)傷口處置：第 2 項目「未及於肌肉及肌腱之表層傷口縫合」指需局部麻醉或不需麻醉之乾淨傷口(無發炎症狀、未及於肌肉及肌腱)，專科護理師及訓練專科護理師可於醫師監督下執行縫合。</p> <p>註 2：類型(二)管路處置：第 1 項目「初次」指於持續醫療照護期間，該項目之第一次處置。</p>	

Table 2: The categories and items of invasive medical procedures performed by anesthesiology nurse practitioners and anesthesiology nurse practitioners in training include:

Type	Item
(I) Management of Tubes and Catheters	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Removal of supraglottic airway.2. Removal of endotracheal tube.3. Removal of epidural catheter.4. Removal of central venous catheter.5. Placement and removal of peripheral arterial catheter.6. Removal of nerve block catheter.7. Initial placement of nasogastric tube.8. Placement of oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airways.
(II) Other Procedures	Adjust medications and anesthetic equipment to maintain the patient's physiological signs within a safe range during anesthesia.