Six-step Decision-making Model for Determining Nursing Scope of Practice

IS THIS TASK OR PROCEDURE IN MY SCOPE OF PRACTICE

STEP 1
Is the act consistent with the Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA)?
Do the board’s rules or position statements address this specific act?

STEP 2
Is the activity appropriately authorized by a valid order/protocol and in accordance with established policies and procedures?

STEP 3
Is the act supported by either research reported in nursing and health-related literature or in scope-of-practice statements by national nursing organizations?

STEP 4
Do you possess the required knowledge and have you demonstrated the competency required to carry out this activity safely?

STEP 5
Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform this activity in this setting?

STEP 6
Are you prepared to assume accountability for the provision of safe care and the outcome of the care rendered?

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Texas Nursing Practice Act 301.002 (2), 301.002 (5), BON Rules 217, 224, 225

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Is the act consistent with the Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA)? Do the board’s rules or position statements address this specific act?
If no, stop.
If yes, continue to Step 2.

STEP 2
Is the activity appropriately authorized by a valid order/protocol and in accordance with established policies and procedures?
If no, stop.
If yes, continue to Step 3.

STEP 3
Is the act supported by either research reported in nursing and health-related literature or in scope-of-practice statements by national nursing organizations?
If no, stop.
If yes, continue to Step 4.

STEP 4
Do you possess the required knowledge and have you demonstrated the competency required to carry out this activity safely?
If no, stop.
If yes, continue to Step 5.

STEP 5
Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform this activity in this setting?
If no, stop.

If yes, continue to Step 6.

STEP 6

Are you prepared to assume accountability for the provision of safe care and the outcome of the care rendered?

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