

NURSING IN COMMUNITY IDD PROGRAMS

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING:

SCOPE OF PRACTICE



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Board of Nursing Mission

To protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely



Nursing Practice Act

- Laws that regulates professional and vocational nursing
- Defines professional and vocational nursing
- Gives the BON authority to make rules



Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code Chapter 301

Rules and Regulations

- ❑ Established by the BON to implement the NPA
- ❑ Rules explain and interpret the NPA
- ❑ May be accessed via the website or as a printed manual

22 Texas Administrative Code



Statutes and Rules

- Equally enforceable
- Amended periodically
- LVNs, RNs and APRNs are required to know and conform to these laws
- Nurses are responsible for knowing the changes



Position Statements

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Are located on the BON's website under *Practice*

- 15.5 Nurses with Responsibility for Initiating Physician Standing Orders
- 15.14 Duty of a Nurse in any Practice Setting
- 15.24 Nurses Engaging In Reinsertion of Permanently Placed Feeding Tubes
- 15.25 Administration of Medication & Treatments by LVNs
- 15.27 The Licensed Vocational Nurse Scope of Practice
- 15.28 The Registered Nurse Scope of Practice
- 15.29 Use of Social Media by Nurses



Guidelines

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Are located on the BON's website under
Practice

- Guidelines for Transitioning of the Experienced Nurse back into Clinical Practice or into a New Practice Setting
- Rules and Guidelines Governing the Graduate Vocational and Registered Nurse Candidates or Newly Licensed Vocational or Registered Nurse



Definition of Nursing

RN

- ❑ Professional nursing
- ❑ Independent role
- ❑ Develops and implements the nursing process
- ❑ Supervises, coordinates, delegates

NPA Section 301.002 (2)

LVN

- ❑ Vocational nursing
- ❑ Supervised role
- ❑ Participates and assists in the development and implementation of the nursing process

NPA Section 301.002 (5)

Section 301.353



Standards of Nursing Practice

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Rule 217.11 Divided into four sections

- (1) Applicable to all nurses
- (2) Specific to LVNs
- (3) Specific to RNs
- (4) Specific to RNs with APRN authorization



Specific LVN Standards

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Rule 217.11(2)

- Supervised by RNs, APRNs, PAs, Physicians, Podiatrists, or Dentists
- Works with clients with predictable healthcare needs
- In settings with well-defined policies, procedures and guidelines
- Assists and participates in the nursing process



Supervision

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- Is the process of directing, guiding and influencing the outcomes of individuals performing nursing tasks
- Can be telephonic; or
- In person if needed



LVN Scope of Practice

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Rule 217.11 (2)

- ❑ Performs focused assessments
- ❑ Participates in planning nursing care
- ❑ Participates in modifying care plan
- ❑ Implements appropriate aspects of care
- ❑ Assists in evaluation of client responses
- ❑ Assigns and supervises daily tasks, while the RN oversees overall process



RN Scope of Practice

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Rule 217.11(3)

- ❑ Responsible for nursing process
- ❑ Comprehensive assessments
- ❑ Makes nursing diagnoses
- ❑ Develops care plans
- ❑ Implements care
- ❑ Evaluates client responses
- ❑ Delegates to unlicensed staff



What's the Difference

Comprehensive Assessment

- A systematic assessment of a client, family, community or population
- Includes complex and unpredictable health conditions

Focused Assessment

- An Appraisal of the situation at hand for a client
- Data collection
- Data reporting to RN
- Face to face
- Includes predictable health conditions

APRN Scope of Practice

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Rule 217.11(4)

- ▣ Licensed for a specific role and specialty
- ▣ Rules 221 & 222 address education & practice specific to APRNs
- ▣ May have prescriptive authority



Know and Conform to the Laws

NPA, rules and regulations, federal, state and local policies
RULE §217.11 (1)(A)





Assess and then Reassess

Promote a safe environment

RULE §217.11 (1)(B)





Correctly Administer Medications & Treatments

We are responsible

RULE §217.11 (1)(C)





Document

Remember to write it down

RULE §217.11 (1)(D)



Documentation

- Legible
- Timely
- Late entries
- Correct
- Complete
- Factual
- Date, Time, Signature
- Designation
- Nursing care plans
- Delegation decisions
- Interventions
- Evaluations
- Reassessments
- Follow-ups
- Referrals
- Communications

What to Avoid

- ❑ Pre-charting
- ❑ Charting by exception
- ❑ Photocopying
- ❑ Changing someone else's documentation
- ❑ Leaving blanks for other to document
- ❑ Charting for others
- ❑ Verbal orders
- ❑ Non-approved abbreviations



Guard Protected Health Information

Respect confidential information

RULE §217.11 (1)(E)





Educate and Counsel

Promote and participate in teaching
RULE §217.11 (1)(F)



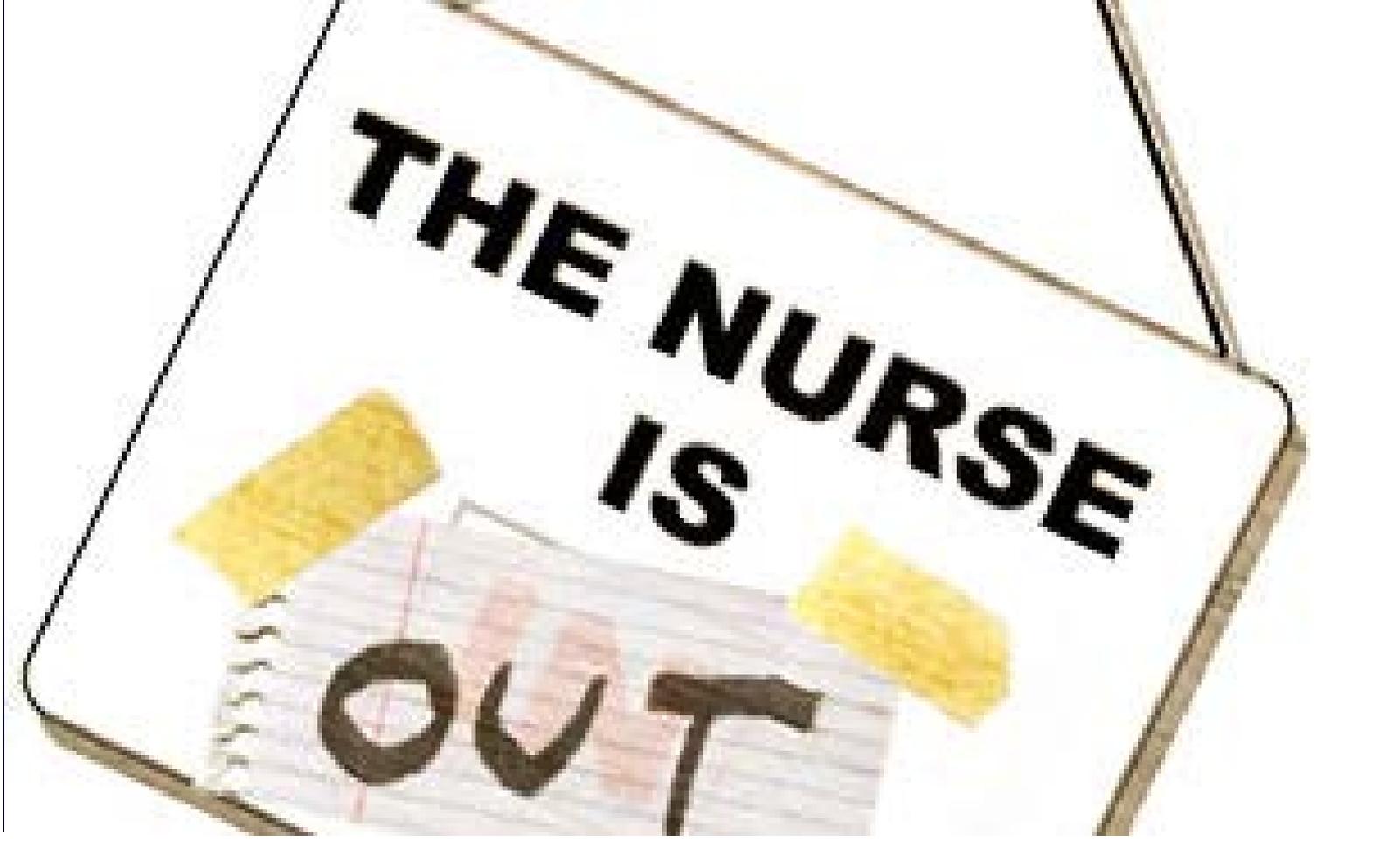


Continuing Competency

Nursing requires lifelong learning

RULE §217.11 (1)(G), (H) and (R)





When You Have to Leave

Notify your supervisor

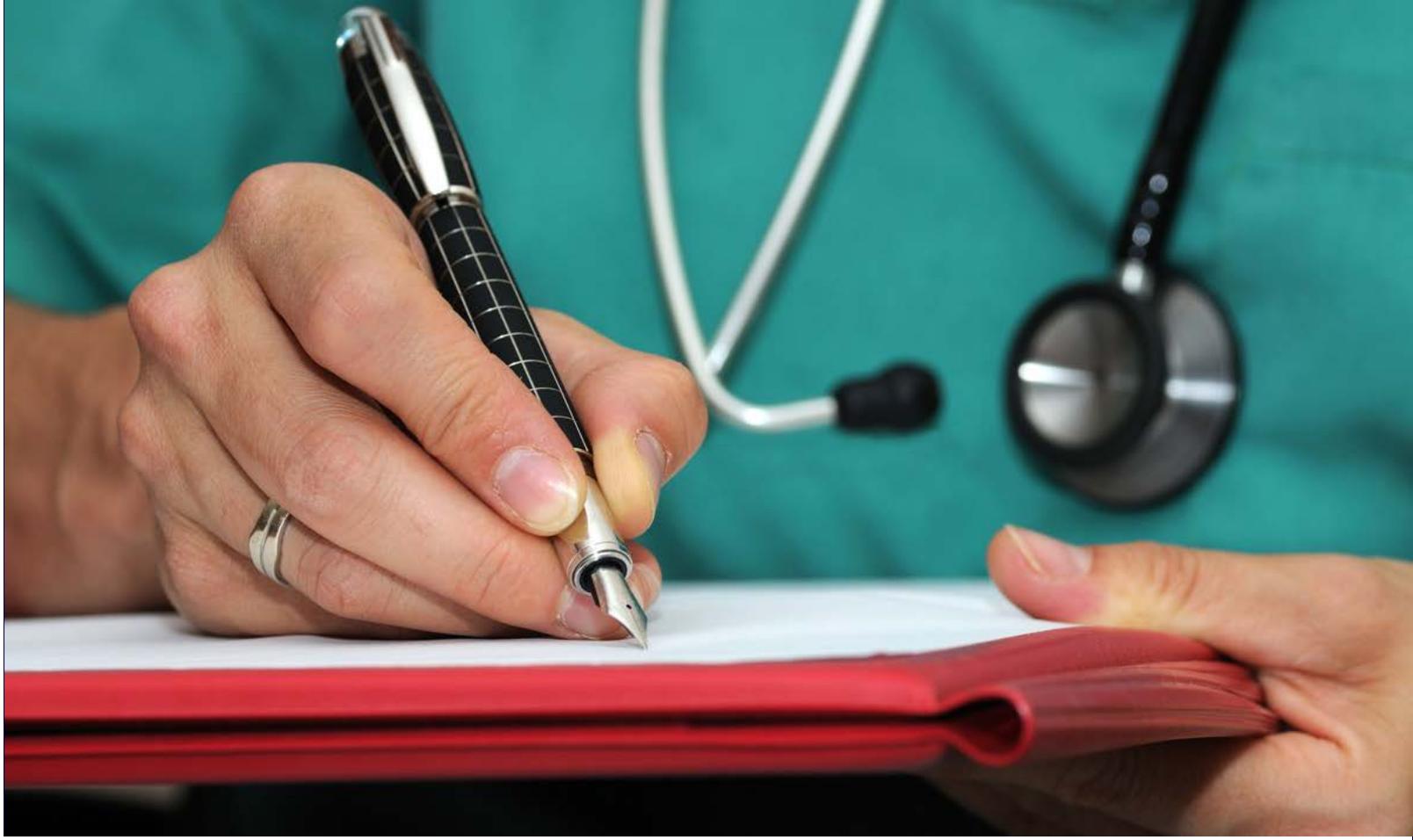
RULE §217.11 (1)(I)



A Continuum of Professional Behavior



National Council of State Boards of Nursing



Mandatory Reporting

When we have knowledge of wrong-doing
RULE §217.11 (1)(K)





Nursing Services to All

Regardless of age, disability, economic status, gender, national origin, race, religion, health problems or sexual orientation

RULE §217.11 (1)(L)



911

Nursing Interventions

To stabilize or prevent complications

RULE §217.11 (1)(M)





Clarify

Physician orders

RULE §217.11 (1)(N)

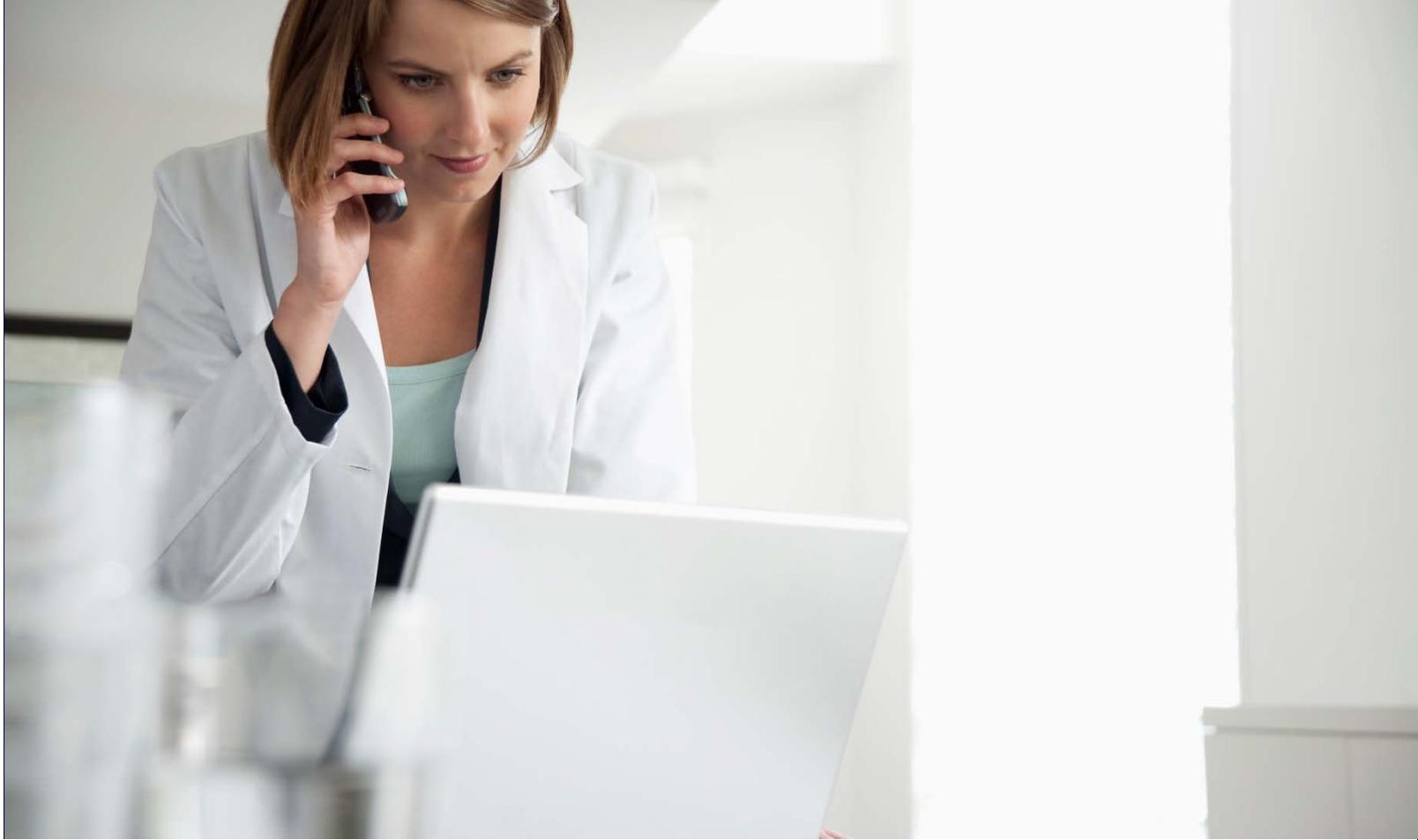




Protect Clients

From infectious pathogens and communicable conditions
RULE §217.11 (1)(O)



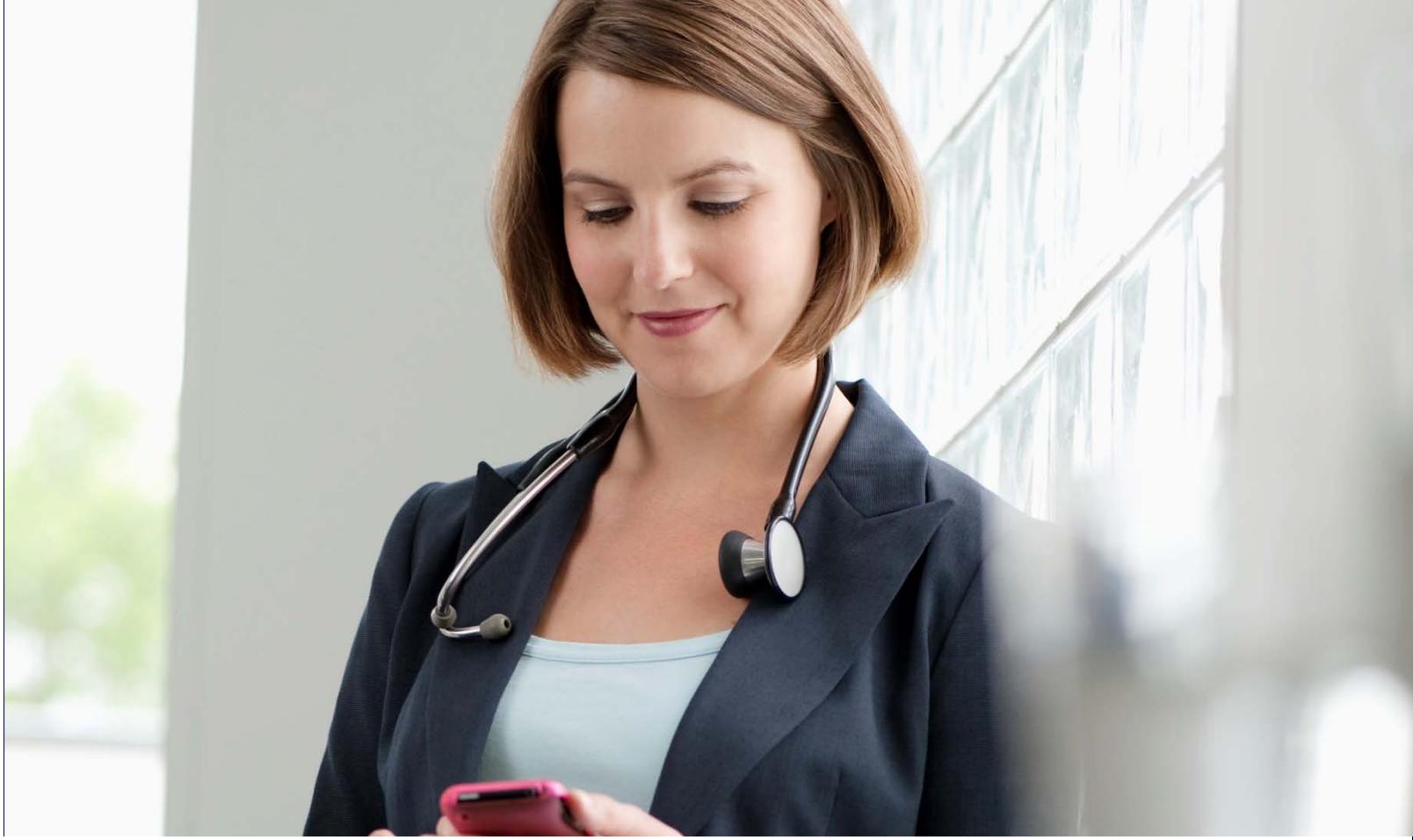


Communicate & Collaborate

In the best interest of the client

RULE §217.11 (1)(P)





Make Referrals

Utilize health care resources

RULE §217.11 (1) (Q)





Supervision and Assigning

We are responsible

RULE §217.11 (1)(S) and (U)



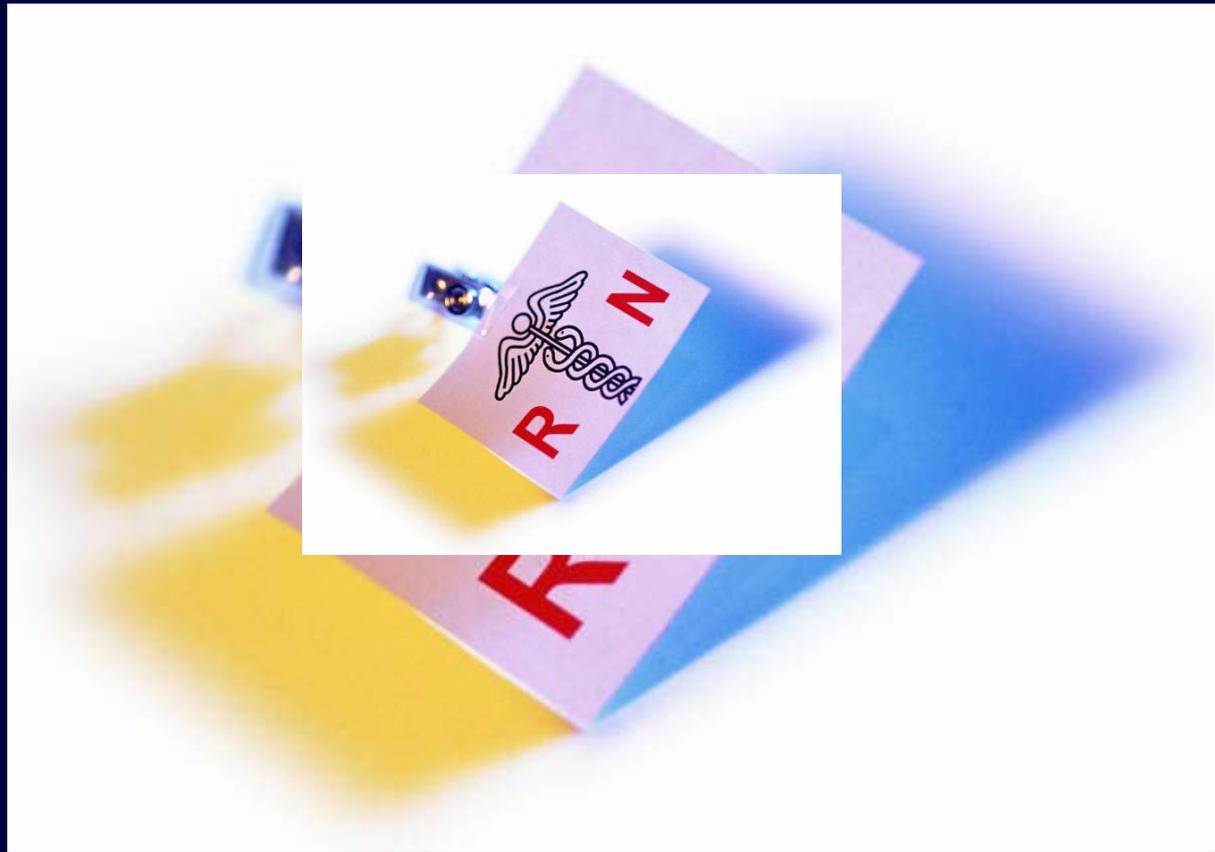


Own Your Practice

We are accountable for our assignments

RULE §217.11 (1)(T)



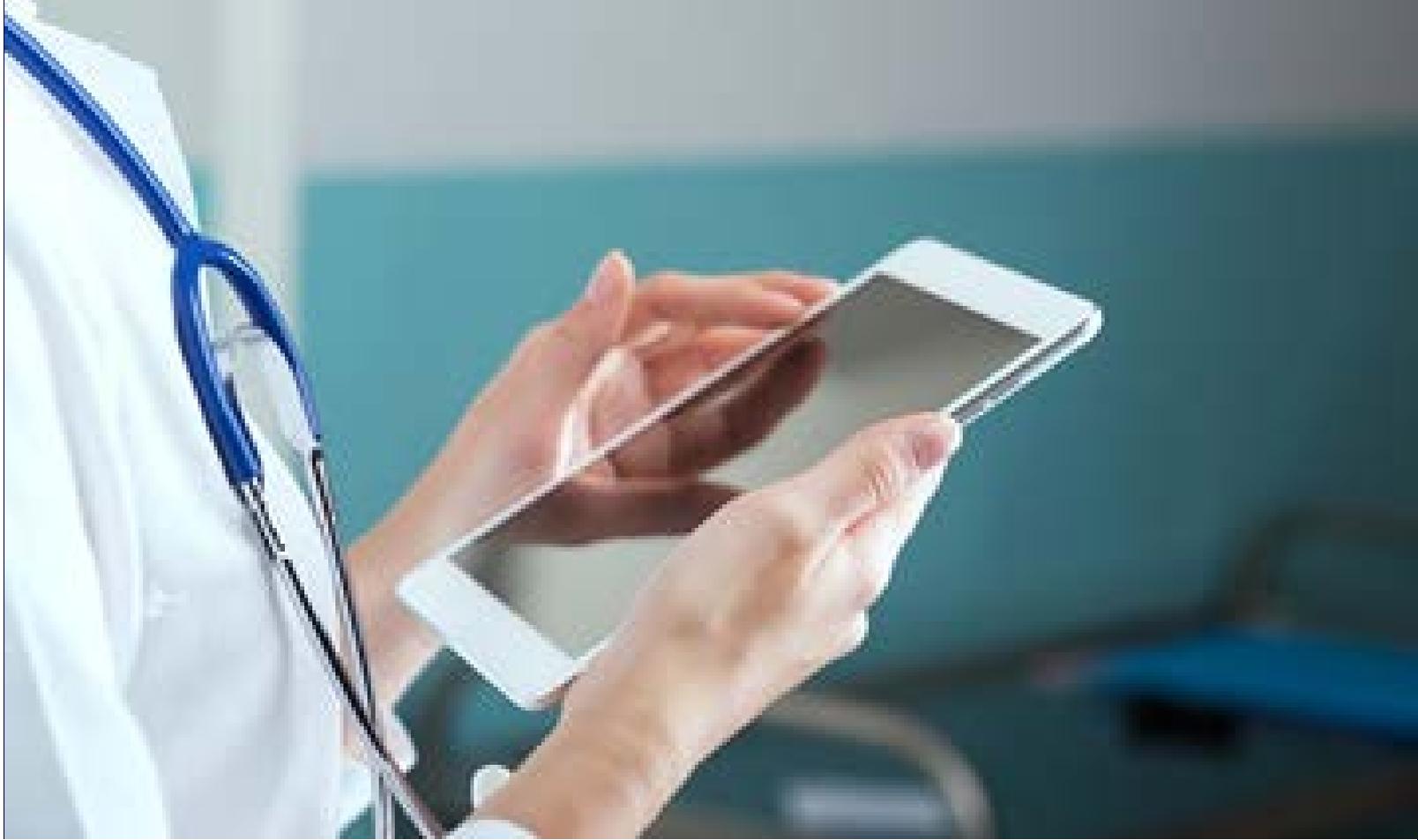


Licensed to Practice

Nursing requires a current license

RULE §217.11 (1)(V)





6 Step Decision Making Model

For when you are in a quandary



Can I Reinsert a
Permanently Placed
Feeding Tube?



1. Is it in the NPA, Rules, Regulations,

Position statements or guidelines?



Question 1

- NPA
 - ▣ Not specifically permitted or prohibited
- Rules and Regulations
 - ▣ Not specifically permitted or prohibited
- Guideline
 - ▣ No
- Position Statement
 - ▣ Yes. 15.24, Nurses Engaging in Reinsertion of Permanently Placed Feeding Tubes
 - ▣ BON website, www.bon.texas.gov under *Practice*, then under ***BON Position Statements***

Position Statement 15.24

Highlights include:

- A well established and healed fistulous tract
 - 8-12 weeks
- Competency validation course
 - Practice and return demonstration
- On-going competency validation resources
- Documentation of competency
- Employment policies and procedures



2. Is there a Valid Order or Protocol

Or an employment policy?



Question 2

- Do you have a physician's order to reinsert the permanently placed feeding tube?
 - Yes or No

- Do you have a policy and procedure at your place of employment that permits you to reinsert the permanently placed feeding tube?
 - Yes or No



3. What Does the Nursing Literature Say

Is there evidence to support what you have been asked to do?



Question 3

- Can you find supporting nursing literature or evidence-based research that supports RNs or LVNs reinserting permanently placed feeding tubes?
 - Journal articles
 - Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association at www.ddnurses.com
 - Texas Nurses Association at www.texasnurses.org
 - Society Of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates at www.sgna.org
 - Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services at www.dads.tx.state.us

- Yes or No



4. Do You Have the Competency,

Knowledge and skill?



Question 4

- Are you skilled and competent in reinserting a permanently placed feeding tube?
 - Yes or No
- Remember when you answer one of the questions with “No”, you stop.
- The task or procedure is not within your scope of practice.



5. Would Another Nurse

Do what you have been asked to do?



Question 5

- Discuss questions with your trusted colleagues.
- Ask them what they would do.
- Particularly out in community settings, build relationships with other nurses, so you can discuss important practice issues.
- Would these nurses reinsert a permanently placed feeding tube?
 - Yes or No



6. Are You Prepared to

Assume accountability and responsibility?



Question 6

- You must make the decision whether you have the skills and abilities to reinsert a permanently placed feeding tube.
- Each nurse is responsible and accountable for the decisions we make.
- Are you prepared to accept the responsibility?
 - ▣ Yes or No?

**Practice isn't the thing you do
once you're good.
It's the thing you do that
makes you good**

- Malcolm Gladwell

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What Questions Do You Have?