

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

IS THIS TASK OR PROCEDURE IN MY SCOPE OF PRACTICE

STEP 1

- YES** Is the act consistent with the Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA)?
- YES** Do the board's rules or position statements address this specific act?

STEP 2

- YES** Is the activity appropriately authorized by a valid order/protocol and in accordance with established policies and procedures?

STEP 3

- YES** 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

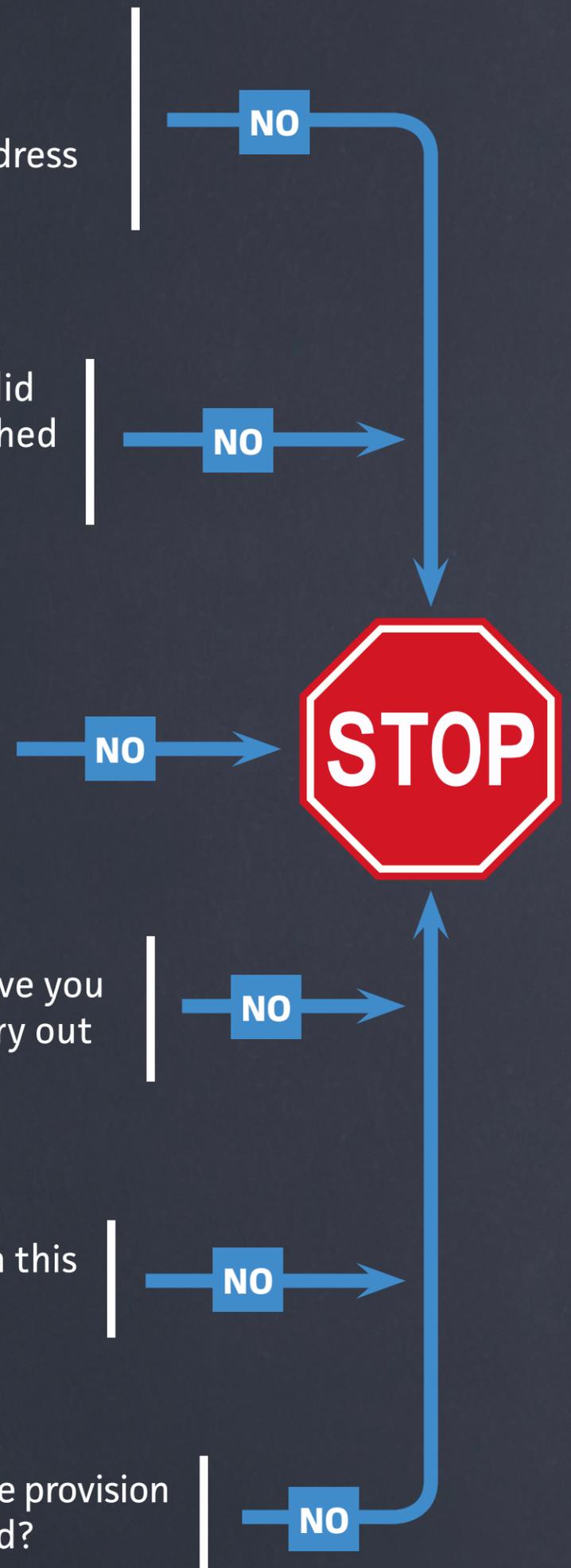
- YES** Do you possess the required knowledge and have you demonstrated the competency required to carry out this activity safely?

STEP 5

- YES** 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?



This decision-making flowchart was developed by Texas Board of Nursing staff to assist nurses in making good professional judgments about nursing tasks or procedures.