



Memo

To: All LH Staff & Physicians

From: Lisa Shiozaki, Executive Vice-President & Chief Nursing Executive
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Re: **Enabling Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice**
Optimizing access and quality collaborative care

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved legislative and regulatory amendments to the Hospital Management Regulation under the Public Hospital Act Regulation 965 and proclaimed the Regulated Health Professions Act, Bill 179 that enables Nurse Practitioner (NP) scope of practice contributions to care. The College of Nurse of Ontario NP Practice Standards have been updated.

Hospital Services

- NPs have the authority to treat, transfer and discharge both in-patients and community out-patients as of July 1, 2011. Admission capacity is authorized for July 1, 2012.
- NPs are authorized to certify death according to the Vital Statistics Act

Laboratory Services

- NPs have the authority to order any lab tests as appropriate for client care as of July 1, 2011
- NPs may order the administration of blood or blood products Medical Directives for NP laboratory orders are no longer required

Prescribing

- NPs have the authority to prescribe any medication as appropriate for client care, with the exception of controlled substances as of October 1, 2011
- NPs are able to dispense, sell and compound medication in specified circumstances
- NPs may order oxygen
- Medical Directives for NP medication and treatment orders are no longer required

Diagnostic Imaging

- Regulatory amendments do not affect the lists of X-rays and ultrasounds that continue to govern clinical aspects of NP practice
- Medical Directives for NP diagnostic imaging tests will continue until anticipated amendments are passed

Setting & Casting

- NPs may set and cast fractures and dislocations according to the practice standards
- Lakeridge Health has been an innovative and a well-established leader in collaborative interprofessional care

Six (7) NPs are presently employed by Lakeridge Health:

Michelle Acorn Care	NP PHC/Adult	PASS – GAIN Clinic /Whitby Complex Continuing
Sue Whyte	NP Adult	PASS – Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit
Elim Gho	NP Adult	PASS – GAIN Clinic
Julie Earle	NP PHC	PASS – Whitby Complex Continuing Care
Janice Jones	NP Adult	Palliative & Symptom Management - Community
Allison Anger	NP Adult	Wound & Skin (Stroke Clinic)
Stacey Moore	NP Adult	Stroke Clinic (Maternity leave)

Non-employed NPs from Nurse Practitioner led clinics, Family Health Team, Community Health Centres and Long-term Care will require credentialing and granting of privileges, if required.