## STANDING ORDERS: Health Professionals & Immunization Practice
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**NOTES:**

1. **Immunization Practice:** Includes the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of vaccines

2. **Delegated Authority:** May include the following terms: standing orders, protocol, collaborative agreement, direct or indirect supervision, at the direction of another provider, as ordered by another provider, or as prescribed by another provider

3. **Legal Interpretation—Nurses:** Registered Nurses retain all authority granted to Practical Nurses and Vocational Nurses. Nurses engaging in advanced practice (Advanced Practice, Clinical Nurse Spec., and Nurse Practitioner) retain all authority granted to Registered Nurses, Practical Nurses, and Vocational Nurses.

4. **Legal Interpretation—Midwives:** Because midwives are not nurses in all states, they are identified as a separate professional category. When midwives are nurses, the following interpretations apply: Midwives who are identified as Registered Nurses retain all authority granted to Practical Nurses and Vocational Nurses. Midwives who engage in advanced practice retain all authority granted to Registered Nurses, Practical Nurses, and Vocational Nurses.

5. **Gray box:** Provider practices within the state, however the state has no relevant law addressing this element

### NURSES

#### Advanced Practice

The advanced practice registered nurse has evolved into the roles of clinical nurse specialist . . . nurse midwife, and nurse practitioner. The advanced practice registered nurse functions in any setting as a member of the interdisciplinary team and provides care to the fullest extent of the scope of practice which includes: 1. Complete the assessment of the health status and health needs based on interpretation of health-related data and preventive health practices; 2. Analyze multiple sources of data, identify alternative possibilities as to the nature of a health care problem and select appropriate treatment. . . *N.D. Admin. Code § 54-05-03.1-03.1 (2012) Standards of practice for the advanced practice registered nurse*

1. Practice as an advanced practice nurse may include: a. Perform a comprehensive assessment of clients and synthesize and analyze data within a nursing framework . . . c. Prescribe a therapeutic regimen of health care, including diagnosing, prescribing, administering, and dispensing legend drugs. . . . *N.D. Admin. Code § 54-05-03.1-03.2 (2012) Scope of practice as an advanced practice registered nurse*
Applicants for prescriptive authority shall: 1. Be currently licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in North Dakota. . . .
5. Submit an affidavit from the licensed physician who will be participating in the collaborative prescriptive agreement acknowledging the manner of review and approval of the planned prescriptive practices. Information in the affidavit must also indicate that the advanced registered nurse’s scope of prescriptive practice is appropriately related to the collaborating physician’s medical specialty or practice. The affidavit must address all of the following areas: a. Broad classifications of drugs or devices to be commonly prescribed by the advanced practice registered nurse . . . N.D. Admin. Code § 54-05-03.1-09 (2012)

Requirements for prescriptive authority

Practical Nurse
The licensed practical nurse assists in implementing the nursing process. The licensed practical nurse under the direction of the registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed practitioner: 1. Contributes to the assessment of health status of individuals including interactions of individuals with family members or group members. . . . 4. Participates in implementing the nursing plan of care and the nursing interventions for the client under the licensed practical nurse’s care by: . . . i. Administering medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed practitioner. . . N.D. Admin. Code § 54-05-01-02.1 (2012)

Registered Nurse
. . . The registered nurse: 1. Conducts and documents nursing assessments of health status of individuals, families, groups, and communities. . . . 4. Implements the plan of care and the nursing interventions for the client under the registered nurse’s care by . . . i. Executing the regimen prescribed by a licensed practitioner . . . N.D. Admin. Code § 54-05-02-02.1 (2012)

Registered nurse’s contribution to, and responsibility for, the nursing process

PHARMACIST
. . . 1. “Collaborative agreement” means the written document signed by a physician and a pharmacist which describes the limited prescribing authority granted the pharmacist. . . N.D. Admin. Code § 61-04-08-02 (2012) Definitions

1. A physician and a pharmacist who are licensed and practicing their respective professions in this state are eligible . . . to enter into the collaborative agreement allowing the pharmacist to provide prescription drug therapy to patients in an institutional setting on a limited basis. . . N.D. Admin. Code § 61-04-08-03 (2012) Eligibility and approval

A physician who has signed an approved collaborative agreement with a pharmacist shall remain responsible for the care of the patient following initial diagnosis and assessment, and for the supervision of the pharmacist as prescriptive authority is exercised. The physician shall remain available to receive immediate notification from the pharmacist regarding prescriptive drug therapy being provided. The parties may modify as necessary, within the practice guidelines described in the collaborative agreement, their relationship in the joint provision of care to each patient as the requirements of the patient or drug therapy change. N.D. Admin. Code § 61-04-08-04 (2012) Procedures

The order must be written, received electronically or if received orally be reduced to writing, and must contain at a minimum the: 1. Identity of the physician or nurse practitioner issuing the order; 2. Identity of the patient to receive the injection; 3. Identity of the medication or vaccine, and dose, to be administered; and 4. Date of the original order and the dates or schedule, if any, of each subsequent administration. N.D. Admin. Code § 61-04-11-04 (2012) Requirements of physician or nurse practitioner order for a pharmacist to administer injections

A physician or nurse practitioner may prepare a written protocol governing the administration of medications by injection with an authorized pharmacist for a specific period of time or purpose. . . . N.D. Admin. Code § 61-04-11-05 (2012) Requirements of written protocol
1. A licensed pharmacist in an institutional setting has limited prescriptive practices to initiate or modify drug therapy following diagnosis and initial patient assessment by a licensed physician, under the supervision of the same licensed physician, in accordance with this section. An institutional setting, for the purpose of this section, is a hospital, a physician clinic, a skilled nursing facility, or a swing-bed facility in which a patient's medical records are readily available to the licensed physician and the licensed pharmacist. 2. The licensed physician and the licensed pharmacist shall prepare a collaborative agreement concerning the scope of the pharmacist's prescriptive practices and shall update the agreement at least every two years or when they modify the scope of the pharmacist's prescriptive practices.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
A physician assistant may prescribe medications as delegated to do so by a supervising physician.

Physician assistants may perform only those duties and responsibilities that are delegated by their supervising physicians. No supervising physician may delegate to a physician assistant any duty or responsibility for which the physician assistant has not been adequately trained. Physician assistants are the agents of their supervising physicians in the performance of all practice-related activities. A physician assistant may provide patient care only in those areas of medical practice where the supervising physician provides patient care.
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#### Practice Settings

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Pharmacists may administer medications by injection within a licensed North Dakota pharmacy or at a location within North Dakota specifically identified in a written protocol. The location in the pharmacy must: 1. Ensure privacy; 2. Be maintained to promote an aseptic environment; 3. Have adequate telecommunications devices to summon aid and communicate emergency situations; and 4. Have adequate equipment and supplies to respond to adverse events and emergency situations.  


. . . 6. “Pharmacist in an institutional setting” means a pharmacist who: a. Has a written agreement to provide daily or regular pharmaceutical services within a hospital, physician clinic, skilled nursing facility, swing-bed facility, or long-term care facility; and b. Is physically present in the facility when exercising prescriptive practices under the terms of a collaborative agreement . . .  


### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

. . . The assistant may be involved with the patients of the physician in any medical setting for which the physician is responsible.  

N.D. Admin. Code § 54-05-01-02.1 (2012) Licensed practical nurse’s contribution to, and responsibility for, the nursing process
N.D. Admin. Code § 50-03-01-06 (2012) Assistant’s functions limited

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