




Nursing Scope of Practice and TB Case Management

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What is scope of Practice???

What is the RN role as defined in Virginia?

What can a TB Nurse Case Manager do?

What rules apply to TB public health practice?

What can I do to protect my nursing license and serve TB clients?

- Scope of Practice – terminology used by licensing boards for various professions that defines the procedures, actions, and processes that are permitted for the licensed individual.



What are the sources for authority for PHNs in Virginia?

In case you think there are only a few!

- Department of Health Professions Board of Nursing
- *Code of Virginia*
- Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) a.k.a. Regulations
- VDH Nursing Guidelines
- LHD Protocols
- United States Department of Health and Human Services as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)(42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq.)
- CDC Guidelines – best practices

A Smorgasbord of Authority!

Know the sources of authority!



• **Reporting Authority**
Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control March 2011
www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Regulations.htm

- Reportable Disease List
- Reporting of those with suspected or confirmed TB, Part X, pg. 27
- Reporting of LTBI in children <4 yr., pg. 7
- Who must report, and when, pg. 16-17 and pg. 27-28

More to choose from...



• **Diagnosis –**

- Sputum collection -
 - ✦ *Code*, § 54.1-2901. A. 28
- TST placement -
 - ✦ *Code*, § 54.1-3408. G.

More to choose from...



• **Prevention (1) –**
Code of Virginia and Regulations for Disease Control and Prevention 3/11

- Isolation – Health Department with authority
 - ✦ Regulations, pg. 18-22
 - ✦ *Code*, see VA TB Control Laws Guidebook on TB website
- Contact Investigation
 - ✦ Regulations, pg. 18
 - ✦ *Code*, and VA TB Control Laws Guidebook on TB website

More to choose from...



- **Prevention (2)**
 - Consent - A minor deemed as an adult for purpose of consent
“Medical or health services needed to determine the presence of or to treat venereal disease or any infectious or contagious disease that the State Board of Health requires to be reported”
 - ✦ Code, § 54.1-2969.E.1
 - Expectorating prohibited in public places!
 - ✦ Code, § 18.2-322

More to choose from...



- **Screening –**
 - Public School Employees
 - ✦ Code, § 22.1-300
- **Screening – VAC**
 - Other Organizations
 - ✦ Adult Homes
 - ✦ Foster Care
 - ✦ Child and Adult Day Care
 - ✦ Certified Pre-Schools
 - ✦ Children’s Residential Facilities
 - ✦ Behavioral Health Settings

And still more...



- **VDH Nursing Guidelines – TB Specific**
 - Tuberculosis Case Management
 - Tuberculosis Contact Investigation
 - Directly Observed Therapy (DOT)
 - Management of Individuals with Latent TB Infection

Very Important!



- **VDH Nursing Guidelines – 18VAC90-20-430**
 - Delegation of Nursing Tasks to Unlicensed Personnel
 - Includes a District Plan for Delegation
 - Nursing assessment
 - ID of nursing care needs
 - Organizational standards
 - Communication of
 - ID of training needs with documentation of competency

Very Important!



- **Delegation of Responsibility – The delegating PHN:**
 - Delegate safely
 - Is responsible
 - Delegated tasks must be in scope of delegating PHN
 - Must include client specific communication

Very Important!



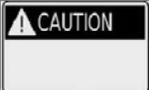
- **Delegation of Nursing Tasks to Unlicensed Personnel, requires:**
 - Assessment by PHN 1st
 - Tasks delegated that do NOT require:
 - Independent nursing judgment
 - Complex observations
 - Critical decisions
 - Repeated nursing assessments
 - Counseling or teaching
 - Coordination and mgmt. of care
 - Triage

Very Important!



- Delegation Requirements –
The unlicensed person must:
 - Be clearly identified to client as unlicensed by a name tag worn during visit and by PHN when necessary
 - May not reassign delegated tasks to another unlicensed person

Very Important!



- What are the implications for a local TB program?

And much more...



- VDH Nursing Guidelines –
Those with Wider Application
 - Administering Pre-Drawn biologics and Medications
 - Drug Handling and Storage Procedures in Health Departments
 - Laboratory Services
 - Safe Medication Administration
 - Telephone and Facsimile (FAX) Orders

At the local level...



- **District TB Protocols**
 - Standard Practices
 - ✦ Baseline routine labs
 - ✦ Labs testing for symptoms of hepatotoxicity
 - ✦ IGRA to substitute for TST in all cases where TST indicated
 - ✦ Acceptance of INH past Hx
 - Signed/dated by Health Director or designee

And Still More ...



- **Department of Health Professions Board of Nursing**
 - Check the Department of Health Professions Website
 - ✦ Lists statutes (*Code of VA*) and VAC related to Nursing Practice
 - ✦ Guidance Documents

In Conclusion:



- **Scope of TB PHN Practice**
 - Know a TB PHN's scope of practice
 - Know the sources of program authority
 - Use all the tools available
 - Continue to educate the health care community in
 - their responsibilities
 - Health Department roles

 Questions?
Comments?