RN Prescribing Framework

Nursing Visit Context

PREVENTIVE CARE

- Immunizations
- Travel
- Contraception

EPISODIC CARE

- Topical wound care
- Epinephrine for anaphylaxis
- Anesthetics (topical only)

CHRONIC CARE

Am I the most

appropriate prescriber?

- Topical wound care
- Smoking cessation
- OTC

SCOPE OF PRACTICE CHECK

- Authority legislative & CNO
- Context employer policy & support
- Competence RN-specific knowledge, skill and judgment

LEGEND

CNO: College of Nurses of Ontario

EMR: Electronic medical record

I Can PresCribE A Drug: Indications,

Contraindications, Precautions, Cost/compliance, Efficacy, Adverse effects, Dosage/duration/direction

OTC: Over-the-counter

RN: Registered nurse

Rx: Prescription

ASSESSMENT

Relevant health history

Physical exam (relevant to visit context & patient presentation)

FORMULATE & COMMUNICATE DIAGNOSIS

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RED FLAGSREFER/TRANSFER CARE

COLLABORATE/CONSULT

TREATMENT

NO

YES

- I Can PresCribE A Drug
- Education & Counselling
- PRESCRIBE

DOCUMENTATION

PRESCRIBE:

- Rx via EMR, paper or call in to pharmacy
- Rx via drug administration
- Rx via dispensing drug
- Rx for another healthcare provider to administer