

# NURSE PRACTITIONER STANDARDS OF PRACTICE 2018

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## RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Nurse practitioners are accountable to provide safe, competent, compassionate and ethical care within their legislated scope of practice, educational preparation and individual competence. In their role, nurse practitioners are accountable to critically appraise evidence and to apply best practice in their client care.

## LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

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Nurse practitioners have a leadership and advocacy role in the health care system to enhance quality of care, to influence policy decisions and to improve the delivery of health services.

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## ASSESSMENT AND DIAGNOSIS

Using a holistic client-centred approach, nurse practitioners assess and diagnose clients with acute and/or chronic health conditions and potential life threatening/emergent situations. Assessment and diagnosis are guided by the best available evidence and the determinants of health.

## CLIENT CARE MANAGEMENT

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Nurse practitioners recommend and/or prescribe pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapies, including controlled drugs and substances. Client care management is guided by the best available evidence and the determinants of health.

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## COLLABORATION, CONSULTATION AND REFERRAL

Nurse practitioners establish collaborative relationships with other health professionals. They initiate and accept consultations and referrals related to client care. Consultations and referrals may occur in person, by telephone, in writing or electronically, as appropriate to individual situations.

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