Health (Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioner Positions) Approval 2005 (No 1)*

Notifiable instrument NI2005-455

made under the

Health Regulation 2004 - section 11 (Scope of Practice for nurse practitioner positions)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Health* (Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioner Positions) Approval 2005 (No 1).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

3 Scope of Practice for nurse practitioner positions

Under section 11, scope of practice for nurse practitioner positions have been approved for the following:

- a) Aged Care Nurse Practitioner, Aged Care and Rehabilitation Service, ACT Health.
- b) Aged Care Nurse Practitioner, Mirinjani Retirement Village, Uniting Care Ageing, South Eastern Region.
- c) Sexual Health Nurse Practitioner, Canberra Sexual Health Centre, The Canberra Hospital, ACT Health.
- d) Wound Care Nurse Practitioner, Continuing Care Program, Community Health, ACT Health.
- e) Emergency Department Nurse Practitioner, Calvary Healthcare.

The scope of practice for each of the nurse practitioner positions is attached. As these positions are 'new' positions the clinical practice guidelines and medication formularies are a work in progress and may change. These will be finalised within the first three months of the position being established after they have received the endorsement of the ACT Nurse Practitioner Clinical Practice Guideline Development Standing Committee.

Dr Tony Sherbon Chief Executive 25 November 2005

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60

Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment

The prevalence of co-morbidities in this population lends itself to a client-focused model in establishing therapeutic goals, which lead to a comprehensive problem solving and life enhancing approach. This means that the older person may consult the nurse practitioner with an individual health concern in any one or more of the following areas and the assessment will be tailored to the individual. ¹ Consideration will always be given to issues that may arise in relation to cultural and linguistic differences.

	\Downarrow					
Α	В	С	D	E		
Cognition	Comfort	Continence	Mobility	Infection		
Dementia	Environmental	Bladder	Falls	Skin/integument		
Depression	Pathophysiological	Bowel	I solation	Genitourinary		
Delirium	S piritual		Transport	tract		
Drugs	Emotional		Indisport	Respiratory		
				Enteric		

¹ Boult C. Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment. In: Beers M, Berkow R, eds. The Merck Manual of Geriatrics: Medical Services, USMEDSA, USHH, 2000-2003

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1. C Assessment Consider conditions for referral to other health care professional. Any conditions outside scope of practice eg Myocardial infarction	Patient history Presenting Issue Physical Health Functional Ability Family/social Hx Pharmacological Hx ² Informant Hx Nutrition and hydration	Examination as appropriate Cognition MMSE ³ GDS ⁴ CAM ⁵ GCS ⁶ Sensorium CNS Respiratory CVS GIT Genitourinary Musculoskeletal/Skeletal	Investigations for consideration As indicated eg FBC, UEC
		Musculoskeletal/Skeletal Mobility ⁷	

Skin

² OLDER PEOPLE & QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES: Exploring the role of the Primary Health Nurse in domiciliary medication review & management. May 2002

³ Folstein MF, Folstein SE, Mc Hugh PR, "Mini Mental State" a practical method for grading the cognitive state of patients for the clinician *J Psychiatr Res. 1975; 12:196-198.*

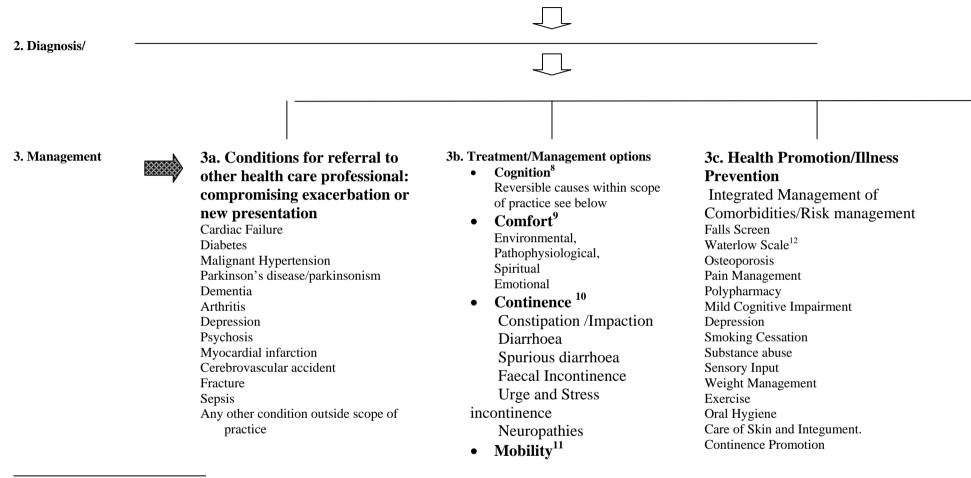
⁴ YeSavage J Differential Diagnosis Between Depression and Dementia American Journal of Medicine 1993 94:5A 235

⁵ Inouye SK, vanDyck CH, Alessi CA, Balkin S, Siegal AP, Horwitz RI. Clarifying confusion: the Confusion Assessment Method; a new method for detection of delirium. Ann Intern Med. 1990;113:941-8.

⁶ Teasdale G, Jennett B (1974), Assessment of coma and impaired consciousness: a practical scale. Lancet 2:81-84.

⁷ QuickScreen[©] Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute.

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⁸ Guideline A

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⁹ Guideline B

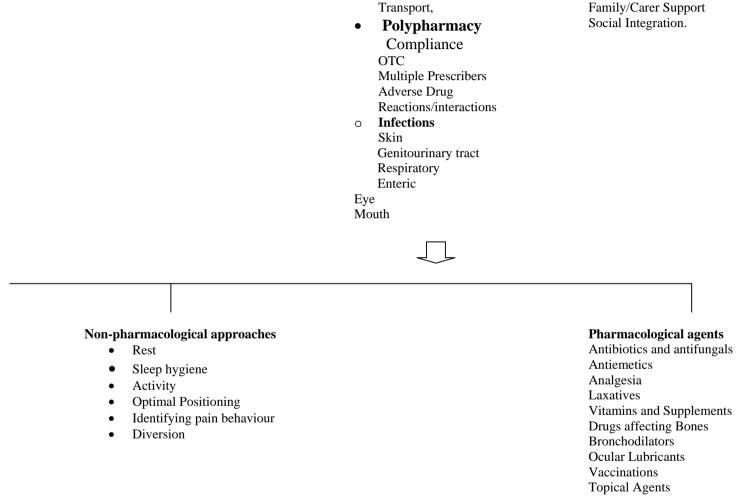
¹⁰ Guideline C

¹¹ Guideline D

¹² Waterlow J. Pressure sores: a risk assessment card. *Nurs Times* 1985; 81: 49-55.

Falls

Isolation



Complimentary Medicines

Advanced Care Directives

Elder Abuse/Restraint

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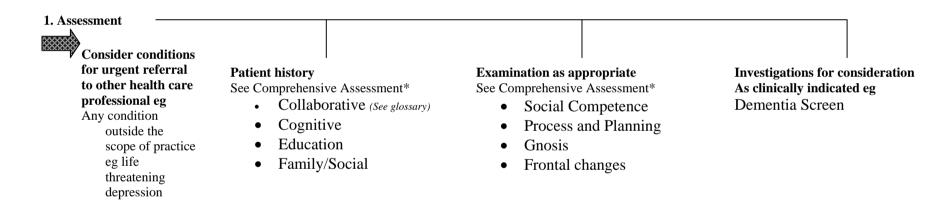
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- Evaluate therapeutic response
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A. CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR COGNITION: In Australia there was over 162,000 people with dementia in 2002. The prevalence of dementia is growing rapidly and the socio-economic and disability burden of dementia is severe. People with dementia have higher than average use of medical services, longer hospital stays and increased pharmaceutical costs.¹³ Depression in later life is a significant public health problem, albeit under treated and under recognized, particularly in non psychiatric settings such as primary care practice, general hospitals and nursing homes¹⁴ Delirium occurs frequently in older hospitalised patients and is implicated in increased mortality and morbidity, prolonged hospital stay and risk of institutionalisation.¹⁵ The recognition and management of elderly individuals with dementia and/or depression who experience a superimposed delirium is a complex challenge across the aged care continuum.\

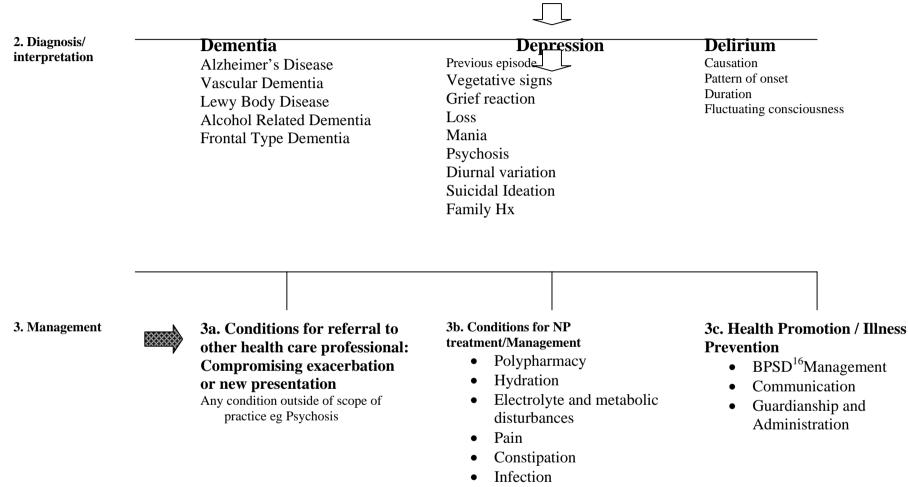


¹³ The Dementia Epidemic: Economic Impact and Positive Solutions For Australia. Access Economics Canberra March 2003. pg 41.

¹⁴ Mulsant B& Gangulu M, Epidemiology and Diagnosis of Depression in Late Life Journal of Clinical Psychiatry 1990:60

¹⁵ Gleason O Delirium American Family Physician March 2003 vol 67n5

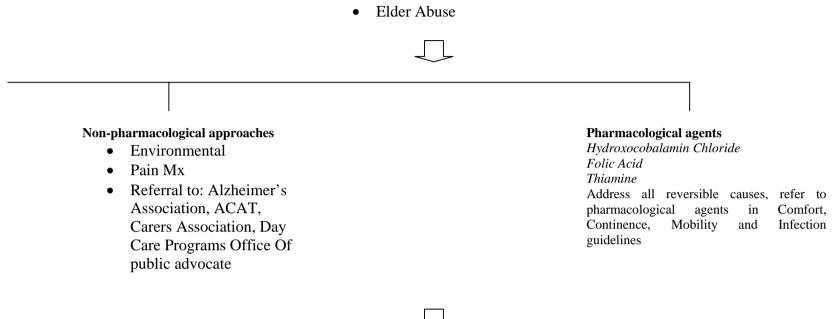
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¹⁶ Behavioural and Physiological Symptoms of Dementia. "Recommendations for the management of behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia." N. Herrmann. in The Canadian Journal of Neurological Science. 2001 Feb; 28 Suppl 1: S96 – 107.

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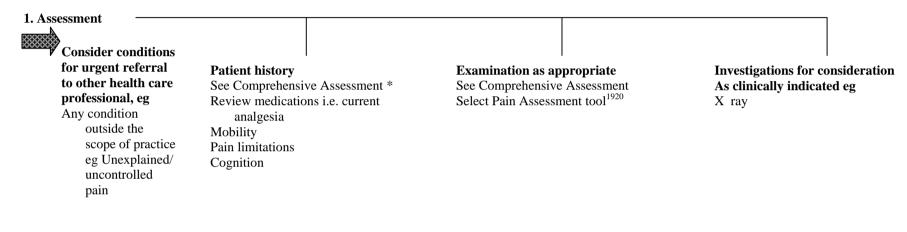
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Aged Care Nurse Practitioner – Aged Care and Rehabilitation Service, ACT Health and Uniting Care Ageing South Eastern Region- Mirinjani. WORK IN PROGRESS DOCUMENTS P. CLINICAL CUIDELINE FOR COMEORT. Is is estimated that up to 140,000 georgla in Australia's 2000 georgement on the

B.CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR COMFORT: It is estimated that up to 140,000 people in Australia's 3000 government subsidized residential aged care facilities have pain.¹⁷ The management of pain in the elderly patient presents many challenges: pain syndromes are often due to chronic diseases that are not curable; the metabolic and pharmacodynamic changes that accompany aging complicate the prescribing of analgesics; cognitive dysfunction compounds pain assessment; functional ability may be impaired; and psychosocial issues often need to be addressed.¹⁸



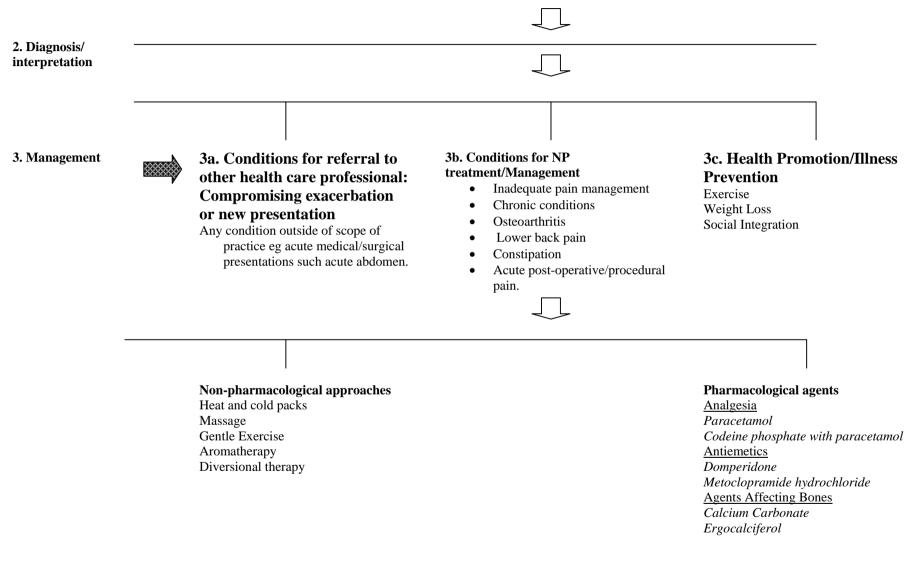
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¹⁸ David J. Hewitt & Kathleen M. Foley in *Geriatric Medicine* 3rd Edition. 1997

¹⁹ **Abbey** J. Piller N. De Bellis A. Esterman A. Parker D. Giles L. Lowcay B. The **Abbey** pain scale: a 1-minute numerical indicator for people with end-stage dementia. [Journal Article, Questionnaire/Scale, Research, Tables/Charts] *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*. 2004 Jan; 10(1): 6, 8-13. (21 ref)

²⁰ Melzack R. The McGill Pain Questionnaire: Major properties and scoring methods. Pain 1975; 1, 275-295.

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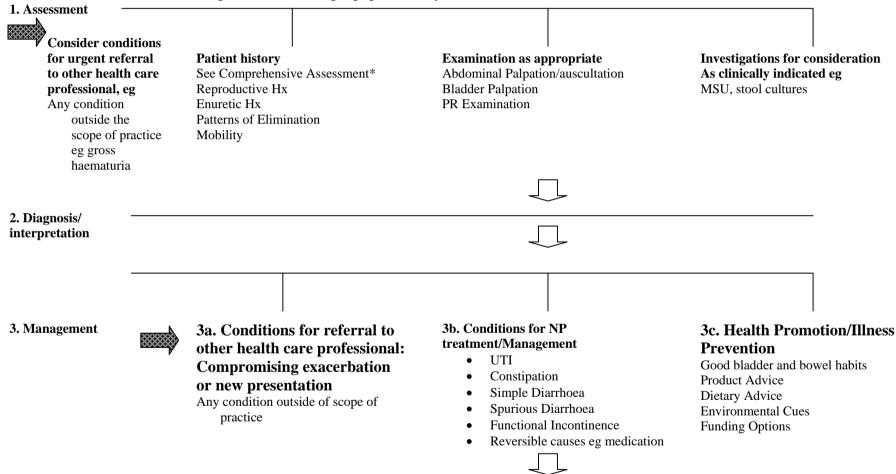
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Aged Care Nurse Practitioner – Aged Care and Rehabilitation Service, ACT Health and Uniting Care Ageing South Eastern Region- Mirinjani. WORK IN PROGRESS DOCUMENTS C. CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR CONTINENCE:

30% of people over the age of 80 are reported to have incontinence. Incontinence often plays a major part in the decision to place people into residential care. It is further complicated in the target population by co morbidities.²¹



²¹ Millard R. The prevalence of urinary incontinence in Australia: A demographic survey conducted in Sydney in 1983. Australian Continence Journal 1998;4(4):92 - 99

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Non-pharmacological approaches	Pharmacological agents
Toileting Regimen	Management of UTI
Pelvic Floor Exercises	Trimethoprim
Bladder Retraining	Cephalexin
Nutrition/Hydration	Amoxycillin Trihydrate & Clavulanate
Psychosocial Support	Management of Urge and Stress
Equipment	Incontinence.
Cranberry Supplements	Oestriol Cream
	Management and Prevention of Constipation
	Frangula Sterculia
	Psyllium Hydrophillic Mucilliod
	Sorbitol
	Movicol
	Docussate Sodium
	Bisacodyl
	Sennosides A&B
	Glycerine Suppositories
	Sodium Magnesium Enema
	Phosphate Enema

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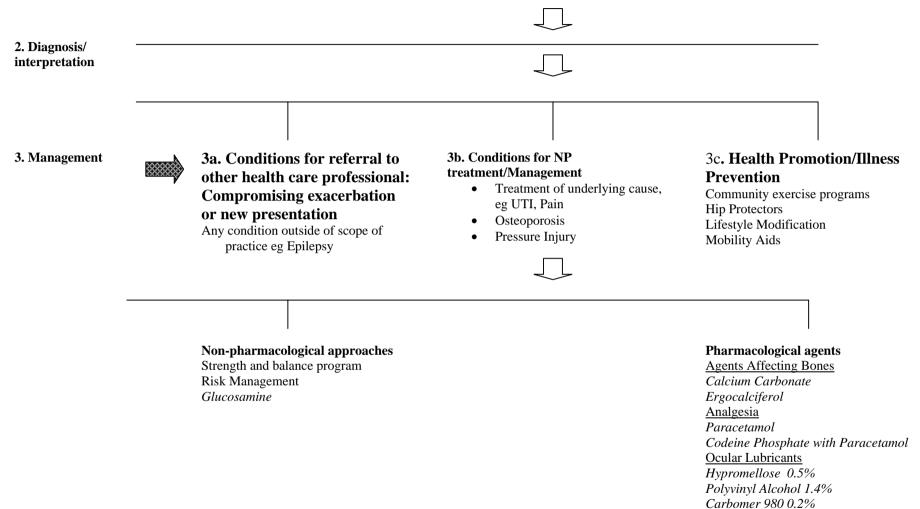
D. CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR MOBILITY: Australian and overseas studies of community dwelling older people have identified that one in three people aged 65 years and over fall each year. The rate of falls and associated injuries is even higher in hospitals and residential settings. The effect of falls is costly to the individuals in terms of health, function and quality of life.²²

1. Assessment Consider conditions for urgent referral to other health care professional, eg Any condition outside the scope of practice eg traumatic fracture	Patient history See Comprehensive Assessment * Falls Hx Review medications which may contribute to falls Mobility Pain limitations Cognition Nutrition/hydration	Examination as appropriate See Comprehensive Assessment Falls Kit ²³ Lying and Standing Blood Pressure.	Investigations for consideration As clinically indicated eg Vit D level
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²² 'An analysis of research on preventing falls and falls injury in older people': Community, residential care and hospital settings" (2004 Update) National Ageing Research Institute.

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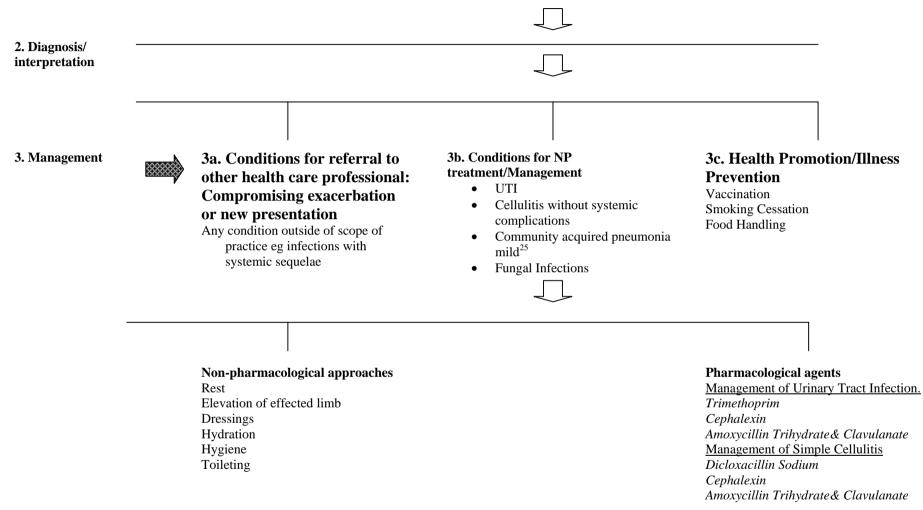
Aged Care Nurse Practitioner – Aged Care and Rehabilitation Service, ACT Health and Uniting Care Ageing South Eastern Region- Mirinjani. WORK IN PROGRESS DOCUMENTS **E. CLINICAL GUIDELINE FOR INFECTION:** Infectious disease is widespread among elderly people and has potentially devastating consequences.

Infections are major reasons of hospitalisation for the aged and old people suffer greater morbidity and mortality from infections than do younger adults.²⁴

1. Ass	essment Consider conditions			
	for urgent referral to other health care professional. Any condition outside the scope of practice eg septicaemia.	Patient history See Comprehensive Assessment *	Examination as appropriate See Comprehensive Assessment	Investigations for consideration As clinically indicated eg CRP

²⁴ Matteson, M.A, McConnell, E.S & Linton, A.D Gerontological Nursing: Concepts & Practise. Pg 427 (1997) Saunders Philadelphia.

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²⁵Mild pneumonia as defined by CURB-65. Defining community acquired pneumonia severity on presentation to hospital: an international derivation and validation study. W S Lim, M M van der Eerden, R Laing, W G Boersma, N Karalus, G I Town, S A Lewis and J T Macfarlane.

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Management of Animal Bites. Amoxycillin Trihydrate & Clavulanate Metronidazole Management of Community Acquired Pneumonia Amoxycillin Roxithromycin **Bronchodilators** Tiotropium Bromide Salbutamol Sulphate Immunisations ADT Pneumococcal Vaccine Influenza Virus Vaccine Management Bacterial Eye Infections Chloromycetin Drops/ointment **Fungal Infections** Nvstatin Clotrimazole

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WORK IN PROGRESS DOCUMENTS GLOSSARY

ACAT – Aged Care Assessment Team

BPSD – Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

CAM – Confusion Assessment Method

Collaborative History – A collaborative or informative history is an essential part of diagnosing moderate cognitive disorder. It involves interviewing persons well known to the individual who can report on changes over time of which the individual may not be aware.

CRP – C Reactive Protein

 $FBC-Full \ Blood \ Count$

GCS – Glasgow Coma Scale

GDS – Geriatric Depression Scale

MMSE – Mini Mental State Examination

MSU – Mid Stream Urine

OTC – Over the Counter medications

PR – Per Rectum

UEC – Urea Electrolytes Creatinine.

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MEDICATION FORMULARY.

Vitamins and Supplements

Hydroxocobalamin Chloride Folic Acid Ferrous Sulphate Thiamine Ergocalciferol Calcium Carbonate

Ocular

Hypromellose 0.5% eye drop Polyvinyl Alcohol 1.4% eye drop Carbomer 980 0.2% Chloramphenicol

Topical

Oestriol Cream

Analagesia

Paracetamol Codeine Phosphate with Paracetamol

Antiemetics

Domperidone Metoclopramide hydrochloride

Antibiotics and Antifungals

Amoxycillin Trimethoprim Cephalexin Dicloxacillin Sodium Amoxycillin Trihydrate &Potassium Clavulanate Metronidazole Roxithromycin Nystatin Clotrimazole

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Aged Care Nurse Practitioner – Aged Care and Rehabilitation Service, ACT Health and Uniting Care Ageing South Eastern Region- Mirinjani. WORK IN PROGRESS DOCUMENTS **Bronchodilators** Salbutamol Sulphate

Salbutamol Sulphate Tiotropium Bromide

MEDICATION FORMULARY

Laxatives

Frangula Sterculia Psyllium Hydrophillic Mucilliod Sorbitol Movicol Docusate Sodium Sennosides A &B Bisacodyl Glycerine Suppositories Sodium Magnesium Enema Phosphate Enema

Immunisations

ADT Pneumococcal Vaccine Influenza Virus Vaccine

Complimentary Therapies

Cranberry tablets Glucosamine

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Emergency Department Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice Statement

Position details				•	
Local Title	Nurse Practiti	oner			
Classification	Registered Nurse Level 4.2				
Department/ Ward	Emergency D	epartment			
Position number(s)		Туре			Fortnightly hours 76
		Ins. No.	99/99		Cost Centre 1105
Reporting details					
Supervises		Line respon		Operational:	Clinical Nurse Manager
			thority /	Professional:	Clinical Nurse Manager
		accour	ntability		Assoc Director of Nursing
					Director of Nursing
				Clinical:	Clinical Nurse manager
					Director of Emergency Dept
				Legislative:	Nurses Board of the ACT
					ACT Health
					Calvary Health Care ACT
Emergency Nurse Prac					
Role					
	Registration Board of the ACT.				
	A Nurse Practitioner practices within a professional role working autonomously, with the freedom to make decisions and act on those decisions,				
	consistent with their specific scope of practice.				
	• The Emergency Nurse Practitioner should be a recognized specialist nurse in emergency care and have specific knowledge and education within the				
	specialty, including; advanced life support, trauma and other specialty inputs required to perform the specifics of the role.				
	The Nurse Practitioner's knowledge should be supported by a Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner).				
	The Nurse Practitioner should be published and be active in education of fellow nursing staff.				
	The Nurse Practitioner displays a commitment to the professional development of both themselves and their departmental colleagues.				
	The Nu	• The Nurse Practitioner provides acute health care services to the community within a framework guided by professional guideline of practice through			
	assessi	essment, diagnosis and management of health issues in a complex, busy and unpredictable environment.			
Aim	To prov	ide appropriate	timely ca	re to those requir	ing episodic acute health care services by appropriate members of a multidisciplinary health

	professional team.	
	Develop the advanced nursing practice role, working autonomously, within a scope of practice, with measurable quality outcomes.	
Environment	The Emergency Nurse Practitioner works autonomously within the Emergency Department and within services providing acute health care.	
	The Nurse Practitioner has the expertise to support referral to other health care professionals.	
	 Clinical consultation with persons seeking acute health care may be made autonomously and/or in collaboration with senior medical staff, primarily based in the Emergency Department. 	
	 The Nurse Practitioner works within a multidisciplinary team inclusive of medical, nursing and allied health staff as well as other health care professionals. 	
	The Nurse practitioner works both as a colleague and in a consultant role with departmental nursing staff.	
Formulary	• The Emergency Nurse Practitioner will work from a formulary based on medications required in the provision of episodic acute care. This formulary	
	will be prescribed within a framework of clinical guidelines both specific to clinical practice within the Emergency Department and those established	
	and accepted as best practice such as the therapeutic guidelines.	
Process of Care	Assessment of Health Status	
	• Triage	
	Resuscitation and Stabilisation	
	Obtains relevant health history	
	Performs an appropriate physical examination	
	 Identifies health risks Applies crisis intervention when indicated 	
	Diagnosis	
	Formulates appropriate differential diagnosis based on clinical findings	
	Identifies individual requirements to access health data from relevant persons	
	Identifies individual requirements to access health care services to support the implementation of acute care	
	Development of a Treatment Plan	
	• Priorities are established and a mutually acceptable plan of care is devised to maximise the health potential of the individual. This includes, though is	
	not limited to:	
	Ordering appropriate diagnostic tests	
	Prescribing appropriate pharmacological agents	
	Assessing non-pharmacological interventions	

Analysis patient education opportunities
Treatment plan is based on evidence based best practice
 Implementation of Treatment Plan Interventions are based upon priorities and clinical guidelines Treatment is individual specific to the situation Treatment is based on scientific principles, theoretical knowledge and clinical expertise
 Intervention Actions Within the acute setting, providing episodic health care Including though not limited to: Accurately conducting and interpreting diagnostic tests Prescribing pharmacological agents Prescribing non-pharmacological therapies Making appropriate referrals to other health care professionals and community agencies Providing relevant patient and/or family health promotion/restoration education
Follow Up
Follow up and evaluation of appropriate episodic acute health care issues
Referral for follow up appropriate community agency/LMO

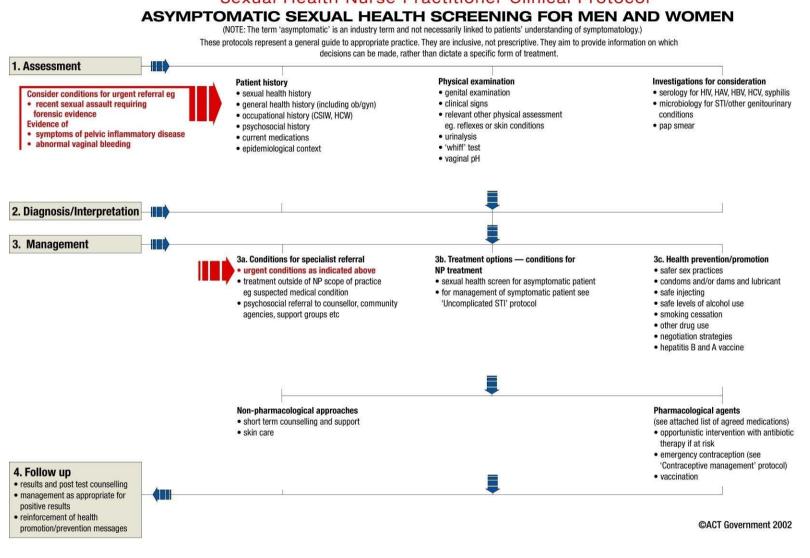
 Abdominal Pain Chest Pain Respiratory Complaints Resuscitation Limb Injuries Strains Fractures Wound Management Lacerations Abrasions Burns Ulcers Cellulitis
 ENT Complaints Eye Complaints (With collaboration)
Pyrexia
 Diabetic Emergencies Foreign Body Removals
 Foreign Body Removals Sharps Injuries Acute Assessment
Envenomation
CBR/Environmental Emergencies
Urinary Symptoms
Sexual Health and STD Acute Care
Mental Health Acute Assessment and Referral Role Evaluation Regular Emergency Nurse Practitioner role effectiveness, appropriateness and productiveness will be assessed in conjunction with supervising personnel.

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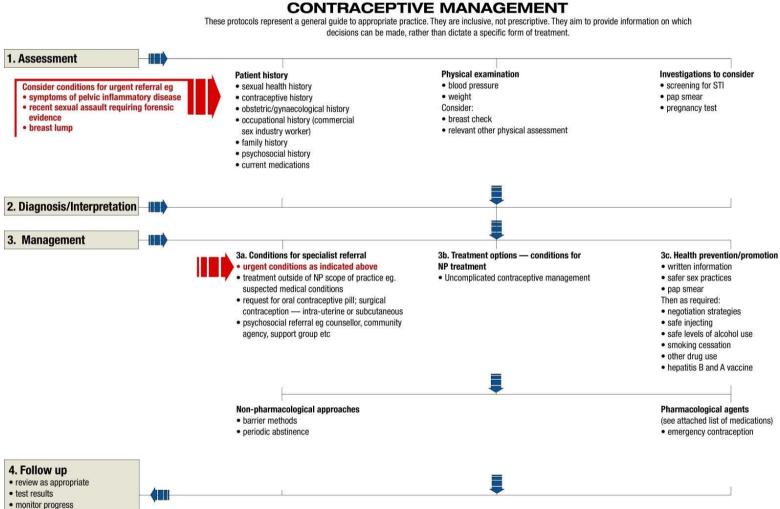
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Calvary Emergency Nurse Practitioner

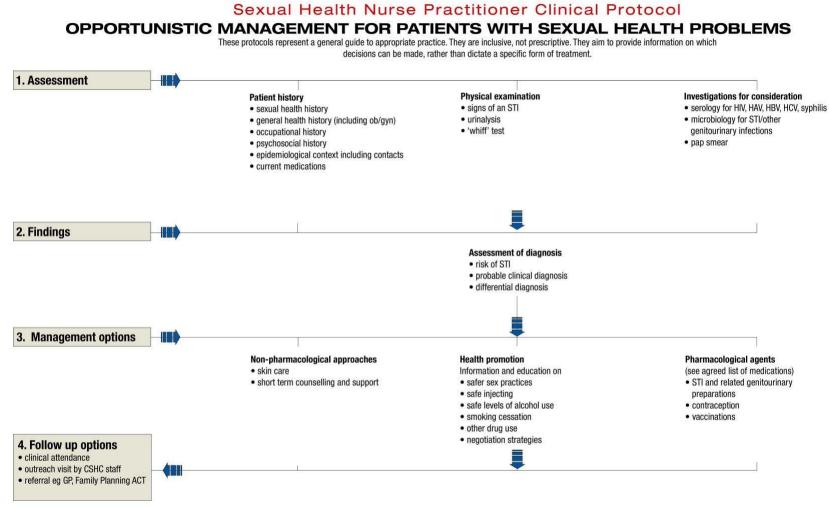
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Aspirin	HB Vax II
Actrapid	Hydrocortisone
Adrenaline	Ibuprofen
Adult Diphtheria and Tetanus Vaccine	Indocid
Amoxycillin	Lasix
Amoxicillin trihydrate	Lignocaine
Atropine	Lomotil
Atrovent	Losec
Benzylpenicillin	Marcain
Carbosorb S	Maxolon
Cefalexin	Meningococcal vaccine
Cefazolin	Midazolam
Celebrex	Mylanta
Chloromycetin	Naloxone
Chlorsig	Naprosyn
Codeine aspirin	Paracetamol
Codeine paracetamol	Prednisolone
Dicloxacillin	Promethazine
Flagyl	Salbutamol
Flucloxacillin	Stemetil
Gentamicin	Tramadol
GTN	Xylocaine



Sexual Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical Protocol



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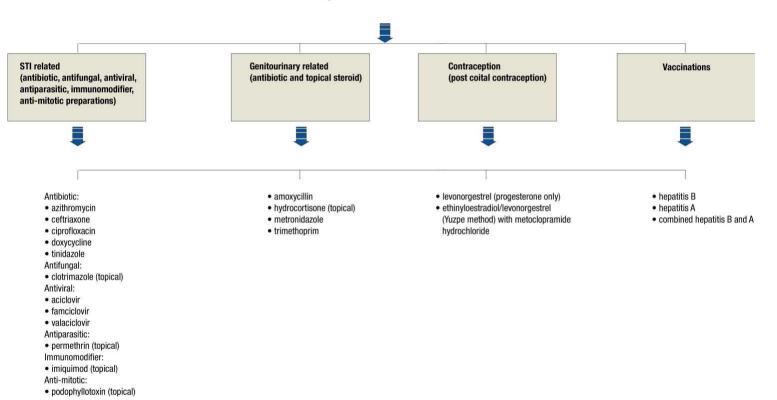
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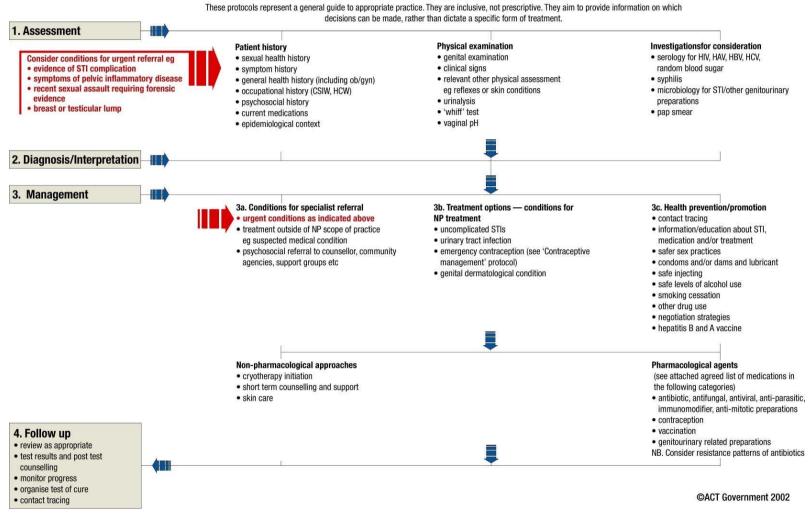
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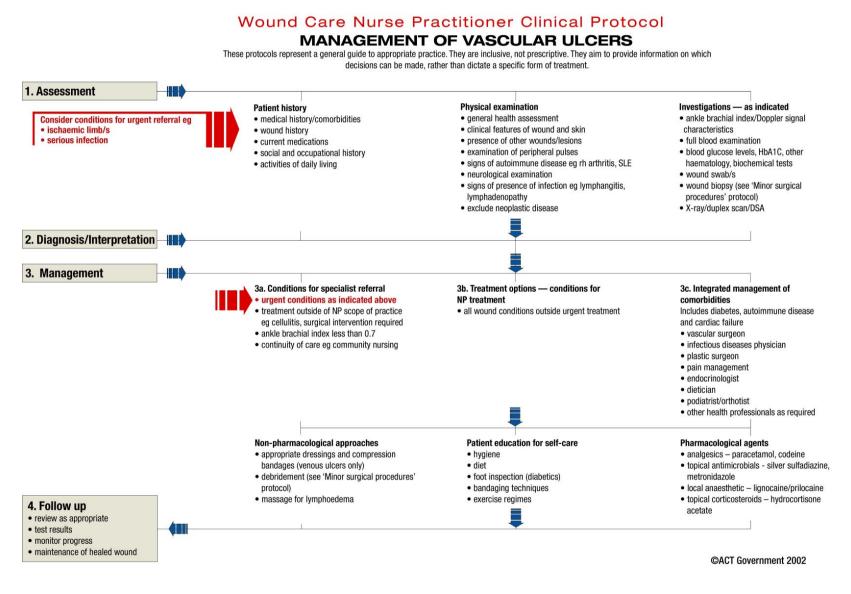
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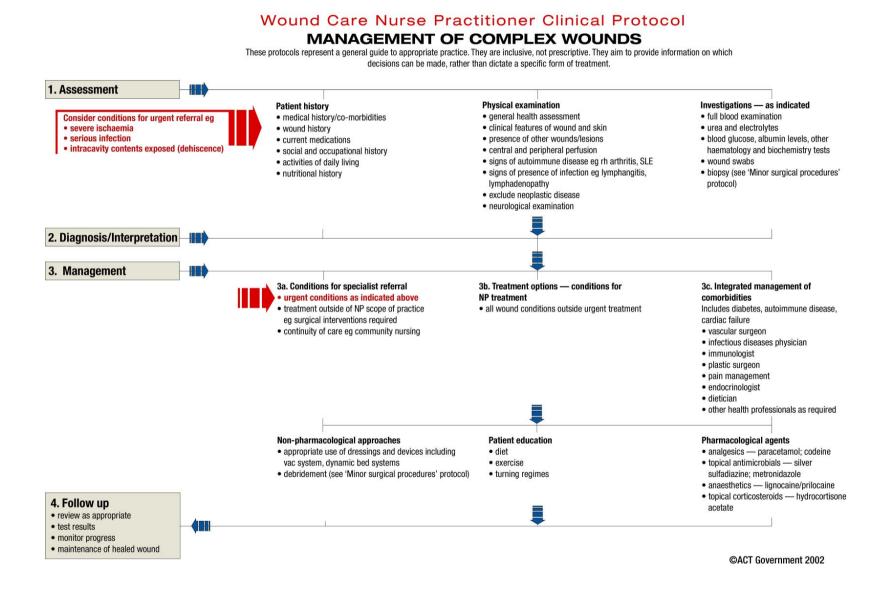
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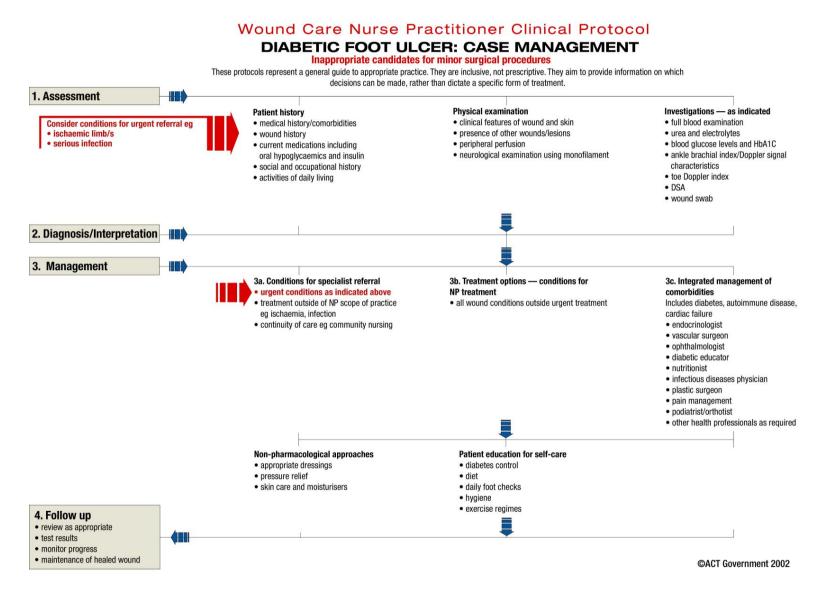


Sexual Health Nurse Practitioner Clinical Protocol MANAGEMENT OF UNCOMPLICATED SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) AND RELATED GENITOURINARY CONDITIONS









Wound Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Protocol MINOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES FOR TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS IN WOUND CARE Contra-indications: diabetic foot ulcer and severe ischaemia (refer to specialist) These protocols represent a general guide to appropriate practice. They are inclusive, not prescriptive. They aim to provide information on which decisions can be made, rather than dictate a specific form of treatment. 1. Findings from assessment of: 1b. Presence of infection not responding to 1c. Presence of: 1a. Abnormal clinical presentation eq complex wounds antibiotic treatment · contaminated/dead material eq slough raised/unusual features eq purpura, vasculitic nodules vascular wounds · suspicion of neoplastic disease or necrotic tissue • foreign bodies eg sutures senescent tissue hypergranulation tissue · non healing despite optimum treatment Pharmacological agents analgesics — paracetamol, codeine local anaesthetics — lignocaine/prilocaine; lignocaine hydrochloride (injections) 2. Management 2a. Biopsy of wound 2b. Biopsy of wound 2c. Sharp surgical Histological examination to confirm Microbiological examination to identify debridement/curette to: wound aetiology organisms and sensitivities • remove: - contaminated material/dead material - foreign bodies eg sutures - dead matter: and to · prepare for grafting of skin substitutes; and to · accelerate healing process 3. Referral 3a. Conditions for specialist referral 3b. Conditions for specialist referral Biopsy results indicate: Biopsy results indicate: · neoplastic disease -- refer to plastic surgeon · infection — refer to infectious diseases physician vasculitic disease — refer to immunologist/ rheumatologist 4. Follow up · review as appropriate · test results monitor progress · maintenance of healed wound ©ACT Government 2002