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“Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber /Physician Collaboration Guideline”

Advanced practice nurse prescribers (APNPs) shall work in a collaborative relationship with a physician. The collaborative relationship is a process in which an advanced practice nurse prescriber is working with a physician, in each other’s presence when necessary, to deliver health care services within the scope of the practitioner’s training, education, and experience. The advanced practice nurse prescriber shall document this relationship. Administrative Code Chapter N8.10 (7)

As APNP is defined in Administrative Code Chapter N8.02(1&2). A Physician is defined in State Statute 448.01, Wis. Stats. Collaboration is defined in N8.02(5) and N8.10(3).

The APNP and the collaborating physician or designee agrees to abide by applicable laws, the health care policies established by the clinic/program/hospital/agency and any applicable employment agreement.

The APNP will apply the practice principles of clinical pharmacology or therapeutics which is defined in Administrative Code chapter N8.02(4) which states: “Clinical pharmacology or therapeutics” means the identification of individual and classes of drugs, their indications and contraindications, their efficacy, their side-effects and their interactions, as well as, clinical judgment skills and decision-making, based on thorough interviewing, history-taking, physical assessment, test selection and interpretation, pathophysiology, epidemiology, diagnostic reasoning, differentiation of conditions, treatment decisions, case evaluation and non-pharmacologic interventions.

Open communication shall exist between the APNP and the collaborating physician. The APNP will consult directly whenever a patient presents with symptoms or a diagnosis that exceeds the competence of the APNP as determined by the individual’s education, training, expertise, or agreements with the physician. The collaborating physician or his/her designees agrees to be available for consultation with the APNP for patients who present with conditions within the physician’s scope of practice.

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