

# THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ENROLLED NURSES

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The scope of practice of an enrolled nurse shall entail the following acts and procedures as part of the nursing regimen planned and initiated by a registered nurse or registered midwife and carried out under his direct or indirect supervision:

1. The carrying out of nursing care to fulfil the health needs of a patient or a group of patients;
2. Caring for a patient, and executing a nursing care plan for a patient, including the monitoring of vital signs and the observation of reactions to medication and treatment;
3. The prevention of disease and the promotion of health and family planning by means of information to individuals and groups;
4. The promotion and maintenance of the hygiene, physical comfort and reassurance of a patient;
5. The promotion and maintenance of exercise, rest and sleep with a view to the healing and rehabilitation of a patient;
6. The prevention of physical deformity and other complications in a patient;
7. The supervision over and maintenance of a supply of oxygen to a patient;
8. The supervision over and maintenance of the fluid balance of a patient;
9. The promotion of the healing of wounds and fractures, the protection of the skin and the maintenance of sensory functions in a patient;
10. The promotion and maintenance of body regulatory mechanisms and functions in a patient;
11. The feeding of a patient;
12. The promotion and maintenance of elimination in a patient;
13. The promotion of communication by and with a patient in the execution of nursing care;
14. The promotion of the attainment of optimal health in the individual, the family, groups and the community;
15. The promotion and maintenance of an environment in which the physical and mental health of a patient are promoted;
16. Preparation for and assistance with diagnostic and therapeutic acts by a registered person;
17. Preparation for and assistance with surgical procedures and anaesthetic;
18. Care of a dying patient and a recently deceased patient.