**PPNO List Serv Query Summary Template**

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Do the RPN’s give push IV drugs. If so do you have a policy on which drugs, in which areas, etc. Is there an educational component or background needed before this task to perform? Would you share your tools?

Abbreviated Question (as it will appear on search results page)

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| **Wendy MacLeod, RN BScN**  Manager, Professional Practice  **Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital**  20260 Cty Rd 43  Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0  613-525-2222 x4332 / 613-360-9585 (cel)  [www.hgmh.on.ca](http://www.hgmh.on.ca/) | Our policy states that they do not give medications IV push |  |
| **Tasha Vandervliet, RN, BScN**  Nurse Educator  Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance  46 General Hospital Drive  Stratford, Ontario  N5A 2Y6  519-272-8210 ext. 2327  [tasha.vandervliet@hpha.ca](mailto:tasha.vandervliet@hpha.ca) |  |  |
| Rebecca Morris RN BScN  Clinical Nurse Educator  Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital | RPN’s can give a certain limited number of medications IV direct.  These medications were decided upon by our committees and an IV Drug Guidelines document was created outlining what nurses in what areas can give what drugs. For education they’re required to complete Lippincott’s Procedures on IV bolus, as well as an LMS created by myself. They are then required to have 2 supervised administrations signed off by experienced staff before being able to give IV direct. I give hands-on inservices a few times a year for IV initiation and IV direct if staff wish to have more hands-on education as well. |  |
| **Danielle Fabischek** Manager, Clinical Innovation and Client Safety  **t** (807) 343-4338 • **m** (807) 628-2718 fabischd<@tbh.net> • Level 0, Room E0057  [St. Joseph's Hospital, • Box 3251, 35 Algoma St. N., Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5G7](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/?api=1&destination=48.438099,-89.222648) | We have just implemented IV push and IV insert for RPN's on two units of our rehabilitative care hospital as a pilot. We created a nursing scope of practice policy to support RPN practice changes, had to revise our parenteral manual with the pharmacy team to include RPN's to push medications that are not high risk (see attached example of high risk med that RPN can't push). For education - we shared a self directed learning package that learners were required to complete prior to attending a practice lab where each nurse practiced the skills through simulated venipuncture arms. We have implemented a bed side competency verification check as well. We implemented our practice change in April 2020 and are currently evaluating the impact. We have been monitoring our client incident reporting system for any errors or harm related to IV push administration and insertion, as well as the return of competency verification forms. We are in the midst of launching a 3 month evaluation survey. Happy to share resources, or to further connect with you and your team as this is an initiative we currently have momentum on and are working on spreading to other areas of our rehabilitative care units. |  |
| Shona Kroeker RN, BScN, PME  **Clinical Educator** for -  Mental Health, Complex Care, Palliative, Rehabilitation, Stroke, & Willett Site  Brant Community Healthcare System  200 Terrace Hill Street  Brantford On, N3R 1G9  (519) 751- 5544 **ext 2702** | At our organization we currently do not allow RPN to push IV medications.  I look forward to the summary as this is something we are looking at as well. |  |
| Jessica Schlegel <JRSchlegel@osmh.on.ca> | this is something we planned to visit over the next couple of years. |  |
| Robin Varnes RN,BN  Manager of Clinical Development  Norfolk General Hospital  519-426-0130 ext. 2314 | Hi there. we are in the process of putting an education package together. Here is a ppno summary I did a year ago. I have also attached the part of the learning package that I have uploaded to the clinical edu. platform. It just needs a few final critiques. Along with this package, there are illustrations, a video, checklist and a competency test. We have also changed our pharmacy monographs to indicate which medications they can push. There are about 8 or so that have been approved, although some staff have had previous training with pushing furosemide already. The updated policy is in the approval stages right now. I have polled the RPN staff to determine baseline and will be assigning them the competency package along with hands on training in September.  Please let me know if you would like any other information. |  |
| Amy Gargal, BScN RN MN  Clinical Nurse Educator  Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare  75 Ann Street  Bracebridge Ontario P1L 2E4  C: 705 706 4409  E:  [amy.gargal@mahc.ca](mailto:amy.gargal@mahc.ca)  W: [www.mahc.ca](http://www.mahc.ca/) | Our RPNS do give IVP drugs.  They complete our PVAD learning package which has a section on how to and demonstrate skill.  We have a list detailing which drugs may be given only by pump and also cross reference the Ottawa Manual. |  |
| Rob Martin RN  Clinical Nurse Educator  Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre  [rmartin@slmhc.on.ca](mailto:rmartin@slmhc.on.ca)  807-738-2184 Cell  807-737-6599 Office | Hi, we do have a package that I have included.  It is required to complete and to do a clinical practice with myself to sign off on competency.  Basically the only area where the RPN’s use this is on our med surg floor.  Much more limited list than the RN one. |  |
| **Mary-Lou Albers RN, BScN**  Professional Practice and Education Coordinator  Listowel and Wingham Hospitals Alliance  [www.lwha.ca](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.lwha.ca&d=DwMGaQ&c=JZUmuHfvZaOkNOGiUpQbGyGsM8Jf9oFbjpAib-DiM1Q&r=kURj2IMF58DCZJAnaWaxazhr3GBv3feime99az_rQgg&m=edLcWy8uQZJv1jfzQZ-9s_DynP9g-Uq4FfIop54v3q0&s=wANKjEphQBoeeTK_gO8HSjMbsaE85PNJNKVQ__-qSFI&e=)  519-291-3125 ext 5374 | Attached is our learning package, quiz and sign off. Once the RPN has completed the LP and quiz they hand it to me. Then they complete the sign off with an RN competent in providing this care.  We follow the Ottawa manual for certain drugs that the RPN can give via IVP and provide this list to all staff. |  |
| Sue Bow  Critical Care Educator  Pembroke Regional Hospital  613-732-2811 Ext 6644 | RPNs can give IV meds but not via push. They can give above the drip chamber only and n ot IV push in any department. |  |
| John Remington RN,BN,BA,MPA  Clinical Informatics  Quinte Health Care  Office: 613-969-7400 Ext 2124  [jremington@qhc.on.ca](mailto:jremington@qhc.on.ca) | Hi Deborah, we are working on a project to allow RPNs to push D50 for hypoglycemia ,but it has been derailed by Covid, hoping to get back to it in the fall. Currently we do not allow our RPN’s to push medication and our plan was to roll out the procedure slowly, allowing for only 1 drug (D50) for a trial period and then slowly adding additional drugs. |  |
| **Sandra Parsons**  **DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST**  **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**  596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 2P9 **T:** (905) 895-4521 ext. 2435  **Email:** [sparsons@southlakeregional.org](mailto:sparsons@southlakeregional.org) | Hi Deborah – no, attached is our procedure which specifies RN or physician…..regards, Sandra |  |
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