



Scope of Practice Standard

College of Nurses of Ontario
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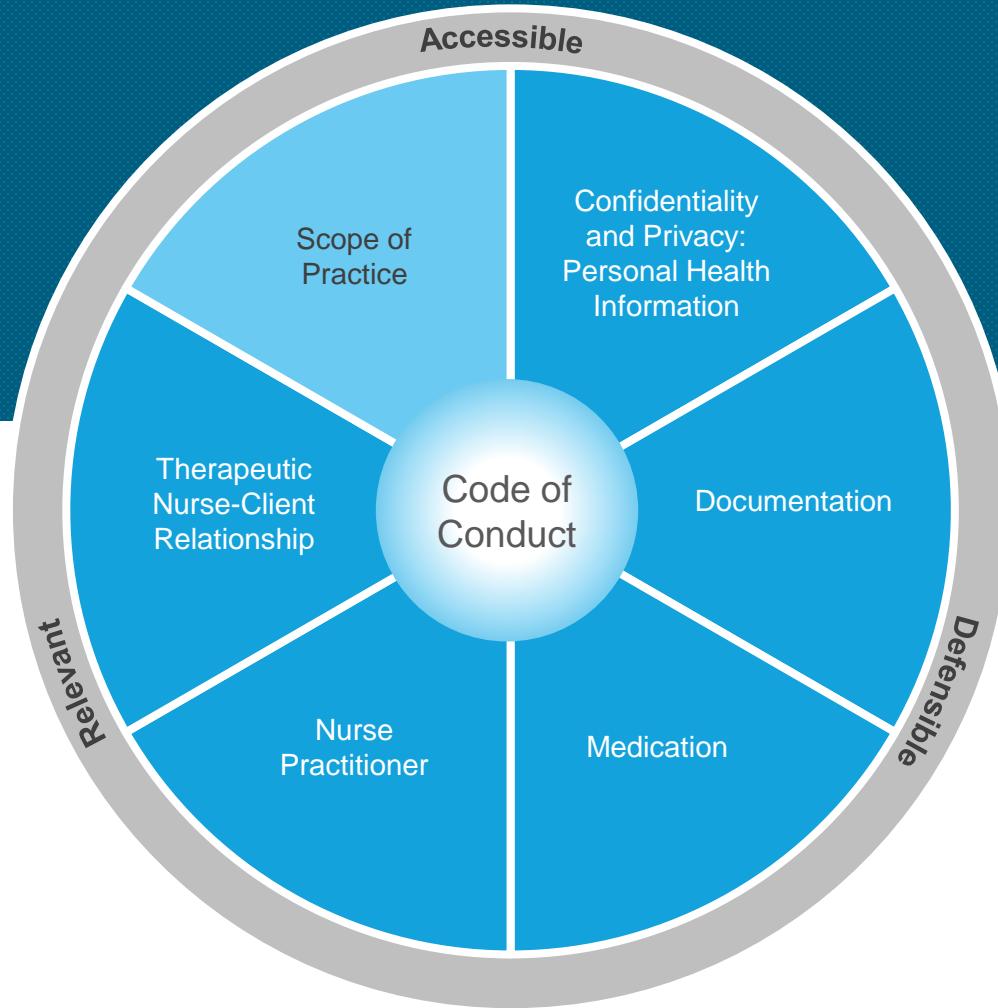


PRACTICE STANDARDS

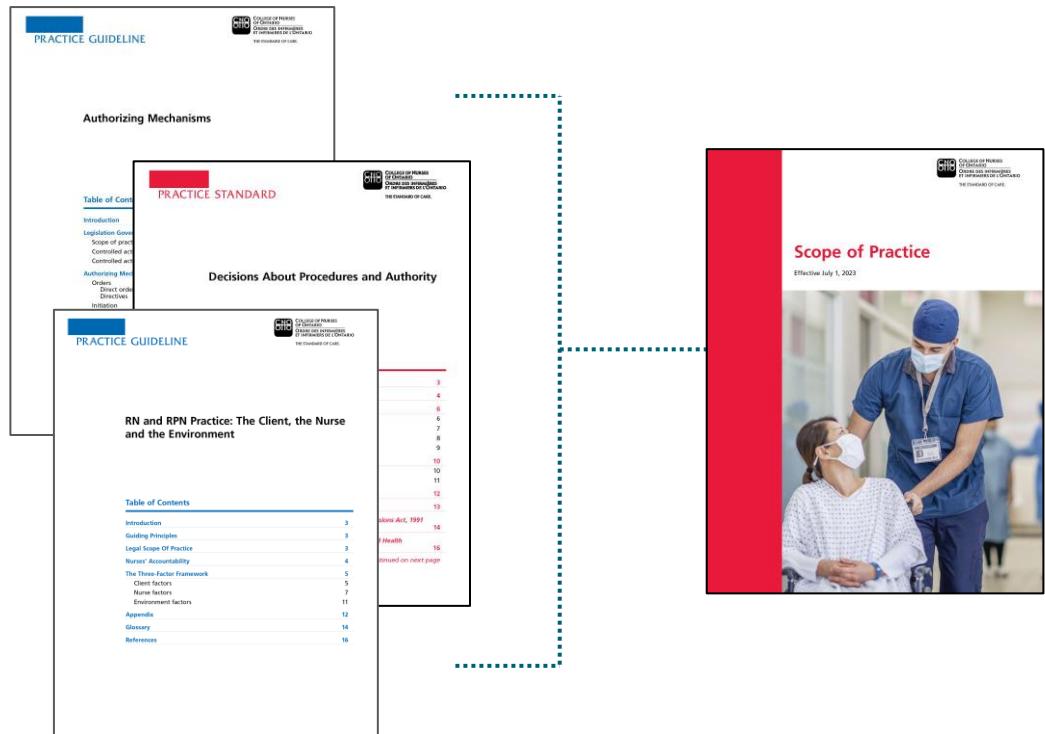
- Benchmark for safe practice
- Informs nurses of accountabilities
- Informs public what to expect from nurses

MODERNIZING STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

CNO's standards of practice promote safe nursing practice in the interest of **patient safety**.



STANDARDS INTEGRATION: SCOPE OF PRACTICE



Retirement of Decisions about Procedures & Authority on July 1, 2023

NEW SCOPE OF PRACTICE STANDARD



Reflects legislated
scope of practice



Consistent with
modernizing standards



Clarifies scope of
practice to nurses and
employers

KEY CONCEPTS



Authority



Context



Competence

AUTHORITY



Nurses must consider:

- Controlled acts for RNs and RPNS
- Orders, directives or delegation
- Initiation
- Exceptions

CONTEXT



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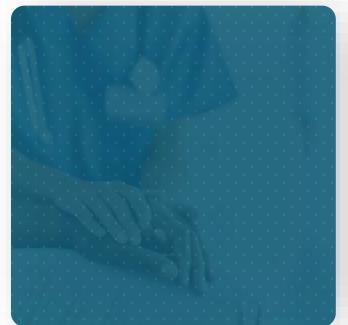
- Assessment of the broader environment
- Employer policies
- Collaborative relationships
- Supports and resources
- Compliance with safety requirements

COMPETENCE



Nurses must consider:

- Knowledge, skill and judgement
- Client's condition
- Best interests of the client
- Consult or transfer care
- Refrain from performing any activity if needed
- Identify learning needs



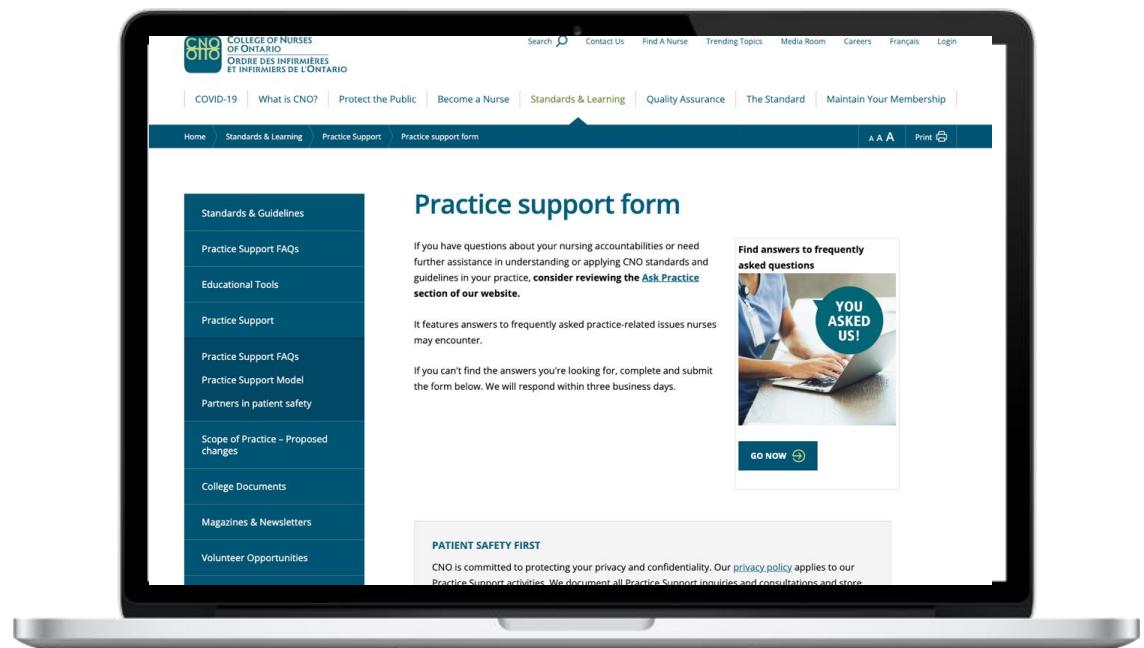
SUPPORTING CHANGE

- Resources
- Educational tools
- Stakeholder engagement

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information:

- [Ask Practice FAQs](#)
- [Educational Tools](#)
- [Quality Assurance Resources](#)
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