



BCCNM LEARNING MODULE — RESOURCES

# Documentation

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# Documentation in Nursing Practice Web Module Learning Resources

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RN: [https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/QA/annual/pd\\_plan/Pages/Resources.aspx](https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/QA/annual/pd_plan/Pages/Resources.aspx)

NP: [https://www.bccnm.ca/NP/QA/annual/pd\\_plan/Pages/Resources.aspx](https://www.bccnm.ca/NP/QA/annual/pd_plan/Pages/Resources.aspx)

## MODULE WORKBOOK LINK

[https://www.bccnm.ca/Documents/learning/modules/Documentation\\_workbook.pdf](https://www.bccnm.ca/Documents/learning/modules/Documentation_workbook.pdf)

## Directives for Documentation

**BCCNM PROVIDES MANY RESOURCES THAT ENCOMPASS PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIVES REGARDING DOCUMENTATION.**

### BCCNM RN-NP PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR PRACTICE

RN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/ProfessionalStandards/Pages/Default.aspx>

NP: <https://www.bccnm.ca/NP/ProfessionalStandards/Pages/Default.aspx>

### BCCNM PRACTICE STANDARD FOR DOCUMENTATION

RN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/PracticeStandards/Pages/documentation.aspx>

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LPN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/LPN/PracticeStandards/Pages/documentation.aspx>

RPN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RPN/PracticeStandards/Pages/documentation.aspx>

### PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY PRACTICE STANDARD

RN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/PracticeStandards/pages/privacyconfidentiality.aspx>

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**PRACTICE STANDARD: APPROPRIATE USE OF TITLES**

RN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/PracticeStandards/Pages/titles.aspx>

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**CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION**

ISMP HAS CREATED A LIST OF DANGEROUS ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS THAT RESULT IN MANY MEDICATION ERRORS. THESE WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT ABBREVIATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE IN EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION.

**WEBSITES****INSTITUTE FOR SAFE MEDICATION PRACTICE (ISMP)**

<http://www.ismp-canada.org/dangerousabbreviations.htm>

**ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION****WEBSITES****CANADA HEALTH INFOWAY: CANADA HEALTH INFOWAY: ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS FOR CANADIANS**

Infoway is an independent not-for-profit corporation created by Canada's First Ministers in 2001 to foster and accelerate the development and adoption of pan-Canadian electronic health record (EHR) systems with compatible standards and communications technologies.

[www.infoway-inforoute.ca](http://www.infoway-inforoute.ca)

**CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH INFORMATION: CIHI - CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH INFORMATION**

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides essential information on Canada's health system and the health of Canadians. The CIHI has several reference articles related to the use on electronic health records posted on their website.

Search: Electronic Health Records

[www.cihi.ca](http://www.cihi.ca)

## HEALTH CANADA

Health Canada is the Federal department responsible for helping Canadians maintain and improve their health. Health Canada has several reference articles related to the use on electronic health records posted on their website. Search: Electronic Health Records

[www.hc-sc.gc.ca](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca)

## REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO (RNAO)

This link to the E-health Initiative of the RNAO contains self-directed learning modules about electronic documentation and electronic health records as well as several articles about the implementation of the e-health initiative in Ontario.

<http://www.rnao.org/ehealth/>

## COMMON ERRORS IN DOCUMENTATION

Frank-Stromborg, M., Christensen, A. & Elmhurst, D. (2001). Nurse documentation: Not done or worse, done the wrong way – Part II. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 28(5), 841-845.

This article discusses nurses' liability related to poor documentation, focusing the discussion on common errors. It also offers suggestions for effective documentation.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11421143>

Taylor, K.L. & Warner, M.M. (2006). A legal perspective on documentation. *Risk Management in Canadian Health Care*, 8(5), 53-65.

Written from the perspective of lawyers who defend health care providers, this article offers guidance regarding requirements for good documentation in a health care environment.

Taylor, H. (2003). Professional issues: An exploration of the factors that affect nurses' record keeping. *British Journal of Nursing*, 12(12), 751-754.

<https://www.magonlinelibrary.com/doi/pdf/10.12968/bjon.2003.12.12.11338>

## WEBSITES

### ESTHER'S VOICE:

<http://www.esthersvoice.com/>

This web site was established by the family of a woman who died in a BC hospital, following elective hip replacement surgery. The family had held concerns about their mother's care and those concerns were ultimately substantiated by an Inquiry from the Coroner's Office. The 'Coroner's judgment of inquiry' named poor nursing documentation as one of the significant issues in this case. To review the summary of the Coroner's report, select "Coroner's judgment of inquiry". This summary also includes a link to a PDF of the full report from the Coroner; this includes specific details of the inadequate nursing documentation in this case and is recommended reading.

**FOR 'DO NOT USE' ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND DRUG DOSES**

<http://www.ismp-canada.org/dangerousabbreviations.htm>