

# Giving Client-Specific Orders

This tool is for use with the Standards for [Acting within Autonomous Scope of Practice](#) and [Giving Client-specific Orders](#) AND your organizational policies.

**Yes**  
Continue

**No**  
Stop and seek advice

**I follow a clinical decision making process when giving a client-specific order:**

**Diagnose client's condition and determine the appropriate activity**  
Have I:

- Assessed the client and drawn a conclusion about my findings in order to diagnose a condition?\*
- Determined that the client's condition can be improved or resolved by the activity?
- Considered the immediate and longer term outcomes associated with this activity, including risks, benefits, intended and unintended consequences?
- Determined that it is appropriate to give a client-specific order to carry out this activity at this time?

**Interpret and use current evidence from research and other credible sources**

- Have I interpreted and used appropriate, credible sources of information to inform my assessment, decision-making and plan of action?
- Am I aware of and understanding the data/evidence that supports ordering this activity for this client at this time?

**Develop a plan for evaluation of client outcomes**  
Have I:

- Collaborated and communicated with the client and care team members about my nursing diagnosis, plan of action and evaluation, including giving a client-specific order?
- If changing or cancelling a client-specific order, communicated/collaborated with the ordering professional and other care team members?

Am I aware of and following organizational processes for ensuring continuity of care for the client, including responding to questions, amending the order, and evaluating client outcomes?

*\*certified practice nurses can diagnose certain diseases and disorders*

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**The activity I am ordering is within my autonomous scope of practice and individual competence**

**Regulation**

- Is this activity within the [Nurses \(Registered\) and Nurse Practitioners Regulation](#) and autonomous scope of practice for registered nurses?\*

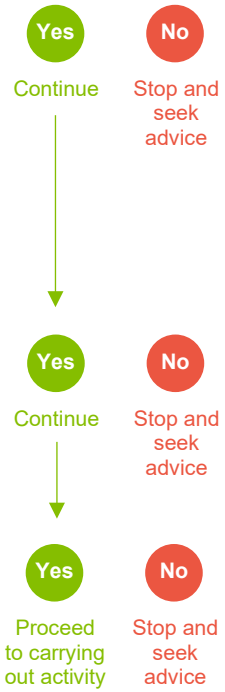
**BCCNM Standards, Limits or Conditions**

- Am I aware of and able to meet any applicable BCCNM standards, limits and/or conditions on the activity?

**Employer/Organization Restrictions**

- Does my organization have supports, processes and procedures that clarify my responsibility when giving clientspecific orders?
- Does my organization and practice area permit and support me to give a client-specific order for this activity?
- Am I aware of and following any employer/organizational policies and decision support tools relevant to giving a client-specific order for this activity?

*\*autonomous scope for certified practice nurses includes [section 8 activities](#)*



**The order I am giving is client-specific**

**Is the order I am giving:**

- Client-specific, clear, legible, complete?
- Evidence-based and reflecting client characteristics/wishes?
- Include enough information for the activity to be carried out safely?

Have I documented the order in the permanent client record, dated it and added my signature /unique identifier?

**I accept sole accountability for giving this client-specific order**

- Do I accept sole accountability for my decisions and actions?
- Can I provide rationale for my decisions and actions?

**I meet the legal and ethical obligations with regards to client consent**

Am I aware of and meeting the consent requirements appropriate for this situation (verbal, implied, written, substitute decision-making)?