



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario



Standard of Practice:

Injection

Introduction

The intent of this standard is to advise Members of the requirements to administer drugs by injection safely, ethically and competently.

Administering substances by injection is a component of the controlled act: “Administering a substance by injection or inhalation” (*Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, S.O. 1991, CHAPTER 18, s. 27*).

Members are authorized to administer substances by injection under *the Naturopathy Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, CHAPTER 10, Sched. P, s. 4.1*.

Definitions

Drug: for the purposes of this Standard of Practice, a drug is anything referred to in Table 2 of the General Regulation.

1. Competency

The Member has the knowledge, skill and judgment necessary to administer a drug by injection safely, ethically and competently

Performance Indicators

Prior to administering drugs by injection, the Member is in compliance with the Standard of Practice for Prescribing.

2. Assessment and Administration

The Member conducts an assessment and formulates a working diagnosis based on subjective and/or objective findings prior to administering a substance by injection.

Performance Indicators

In addition to meeting the Standard of Practice for Performing Authorized Acts, the Member:

- assesses the patient for contraindications prior to administering a drug;
- ensures that resources are available to manage potential outcomes;
- compounds sterile drugs, in accordance with the Standard of Practice for Compounding;

- administers drugs for therapeutic purposes when it is clinically indicated;
- administers drugs at a dosage determined by the member to be clinically effective and safe.

Related Standards & Guidelines

Compounding

Consent

Delegation

Emergency Preparedness

Infection Control

IV Infusion Therapy

Performing Authorized Acts

Prescribing

Record Keeping

Sterile Compounding of Injectables Guideline

Legislative Framework

[General Regulation](#)

[Naturopathy Act, 2007](#)

[Professional Misconduct Regulation](#)

[Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#)

Guideline C-4: The Management of Biomedical Waste in Ontario (2009)

Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in all Health Care Settings (2011)

Disclaimer

In the event of any inconsistency between this standard and any legislation that governs the practice of Naturopathic Doctors, the legislation shall govern.