

Scope of Practice

Nursing

The four questions that decide whether an activity is yours to perform.

The boundary of what you may lawfully, competently and locally do, in this role, today.

TESTS
Four

THRESHOLD
All four yes

IF UNSURE
Ask, then record

- Is it within law and my registration standards?
- Is it within my employer's policy and my role?
- Am I educated, assessed and currently competent?
- Is it right for this patient, in this situation?
- Competence expires; recency matters as much as training
- Being asked to do it is not the same as being able to

LOOK FOR IT

A skill certificated two years ago and never practised since is training, not current competence.

Educational reference. Registration standards and permitted activities differ by country and employer. Decline and escalate rather than