

RNs Leading Change

I know the SRNA has been working on some new initiatives affecting the RN scope of practice in Saskatchewan, and that there are documents to explain these changes. I also know this is going to affect my practice as a RN.

Where can I learn more about this?

Information on the RNs Leading Change initiative is available on the SRNA website www.srna.org.

Short explanatory videos about the project are posted online. Click on the RNs Leading Change logo on the home page for more information.

The dissolution of the Transfer of Medical Function (TMF) process has driven the development of new processes and supportive documents in most of the areas. It is important that you know what changes are occurring and how they will affect your RN practice in your particular setting.

The five key areas include:

- RN Role Clarity
- RNs with Additional Authorized Practice
- Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition Process for the RNs with Additional Authorized Practice
- RN Specialty Practices (RNSPs)
- Delegation

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Watch for the new RN scope document this fall. This will further clarify the RN role.

RNs working in primary-care centers in northern Saskatchewan will need to be licensed as RNs with additional authorized practice to continue to manage medical disorders presented by their clients. Those RNs will also be using RN procedures and RN Clinical Protocols to guide their RN practice. New documents to support RNs in this practice are posted on the SRNA website.

RNs throughout the rest of the province will be using RNSP procedures and RN Clinical protocols to replace many of the existing Special Nursing Procedures and TMF activities that they currently perform.

Medical activities performed by RNs in highly specialized areas (e.g. STARS, air ambulance, neonatal intensive care) will be supported through a delegation process from a physician to the RN.

Check out the SRNA website for these documents and watch for updates to keep you informed and help you prepare for these new processes.

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