

Working Together Collaborative Practice



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The three nursing regulatory bodies have made significant progress in the collaborative work on the [SALPN Bylaws](#). RPNAS and SRNA wish to acknowledge the significant work SALPN has done in developing the bylaws and their broad and thoughtful review process. The RPNAS and SRNA support the revisions on the specialized areas of practice for LPNs (perioperative care, hemodialysis care, advanced foot care and advanced orthopedics) as currently written. These bylaws outline services that are appropriate and supported by prescribed educational and training requirements.

Regarding the proposed activities with limits and conditions:

- Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (SALPN), Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association (SRNA) and Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS) have agreed that venipuncture is within the scope of practice for all three nursing professions and will work together on guidelines for this skill.
- SALPN and SRNA will develop a joint statement clarifying the role of the LPN and RN in the care of patients with telemetry.
- The three regulatory bodies will continue the discussions regarding the administration of medications via direct intravenous push and immunization.

The SRNA, RPNAS and SALPN are also pleased to announce that they have agreed to a draft [decision-making framework](#) as a tool to support decision making on staff mix in the provision of quality nursing care. The framework is well grounded in the best available evidence.

The framework builds on the previous work of the three nursing regulatory bodies on "[Collaborative Guiding Principles](#)" developed in 2014. It is also consistent with the document [Staff Mix Decision-Making Framework for Quality Nursing Care](#) developed nationally by Canadian Nurses' Association, the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Canada and the Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators in 2012.

The agreement on this draft framework demonstrates the renewed commitment of SALPN, SRNA and RPNAS to work together; outlines their vision for safe, quality nursing care in Saskatchewan; and demonstrates the respect of the three nursing regulatory bodies for the contributions made by all nursing professionals in the province.

The three regulatory bodies will be developing a joint plan to consult with nurses and employers to seek their feedback on the framework. The plan will include opportunities to provide input into a more substantive document that identifies the ways in which this framework would be applied in Saskatchewan. As demonstration of their commitment to the collaboration, SRNA, RPNAS and SALPN have agreed that these consultations will be done jointly by the three regulatory bodies.