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Use Standing Orders to Vaccinate Adults

Session 3

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State Law & Standing Orders: PENNSYLVANIA

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Overview

• Professions Practice Acts
• Identified:
  – Terms equivalent to Standing Orders
  – Terms equivalent to Vaccination
  – Elements of Immunization Practice
• Immunization Practice in PENNSYLVANIA
• Supervision Requirements
• Practice Settings
• Summary
Purpose

Ensure supervising physicians understand:

• Immunization practice = medical practice
• All states have laws governing how physicians delegate medical tasks to health professionals
• Laws may address:
  • The medical practice eligible for delegation
  • Which professionals may participate
  • Level of required supervision
  • Where the practice may occur
• Broad variability among states – No state authorizes all NPHPs to assess, prescribe and administer vaccines
State Law Review

Reviewed all laws, regulations, case law, attorney’s general advisory opinions governing:

- Medical Assistants
- Midwives
- Nurses
  - Advanced Practice Nurse
  - Nurse Practitioner
  - Practical Nurse
  - Registered Nurse
  - Vocational Nurse
- Pharmacists
- Physician Assistants
Terms Equivalent to “Standing Orders”

1. Standardized Procedures
2. Written Guidelines

3. Collaboration:
   – With collaboration
   – Collaborative practice
   – Collaborative practice agreement
   – Collaborative authority
   – Collaborating provider

4. Delegation
   – Delegated authority
   – Delegation order, agreement

5. Protocol
   – Prescriber-approved protocol
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<td>• Definitive set of treatment guidelines established by a physician</td>
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<td>May provide any care as outlined in a written agreement</td>
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Terms Equivalent to “Vaccination”

- Immunization
- Diagnostic or therapeutic regimens/measures
- Drug or device by injection
- Nonscheduled legend drug/substance*
- Medication**
- Pharmacological agents
- Prescription drugs or devices

* LEGEND DRUGS are approved by the FDA and must be dispensed to the public only when a licenses physician or other licensed provider prescribes them. Legend drugs may be a controlled substance or a non-narcotic.

** MEDICATION includes drugs and pharmaceuticals and may be administered by injection or other methods.

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| Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Nurse Midwife | Nurse Practitioner: Drugs  
Midwife: Immunizing agents |
| Medical Assistant                  | Physicians are authorized to delegate medical practice to any NPHP  |
| Practical Nurse                    | • Immunizing agents  
• Medications                                                        |
| Registered Nurse                   | Immunization                                                        |
| Vocational Nurse                   | SILENT                                                               |
| Pharmacist                         | Immunizations:  
• To age 18+  
• Flu only to ages 9+ with parental consent |
| Physician Assistant                | • Drugs  
• Therapeutic devices                                                |
Immunization Practice includes:

**Assessment:** Screening, examining, diagnosing, treating
- *EXCLUDES:* merely collecting or reporting data, interviewing or taking patient history

**Prescription:** Oral, written or electronic
- *EXCLUDES:* simply transmitting a prescription issued by another provider

**Administration:** Injection, oral, nasal
- *EXCLUDES:* Dispensing medication
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Supervision Requirements Include

**Medical Assistant**
Direct, within close proximity of supervisor, undefined supervision, at physician’s discretion

**Midwife**
Collaborative agreements with supervising physicians if midwife is an Advanced Practice Nurse

**Nurses in Advanced Practice**
Collaborative agreement with supervising physician/system governs entire practice
Supervision Requirements (cont.)

**Practical Nurse**
Direct, on-site supervision from physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse in advanced practice, registered nurse, physician assistant

**Registered Nurse**
In collaboration with physician, dentist, podiatrist

**Vocational Nurse**
None listed

**Pharmacist**
Under own license or under delegated authority, protocol

**Physician Assistant**
With adequate physician supervision
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<td>May practice under supervision and personal direction of a supervising physician</td>
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Permissible Practice Settings

Medical Assistant
• Public, private ambulatory care setting, delegating physician’s office, licensed clinics

Midwife
• Public/private clinical settings, physician’s offices

Nurses in Advanced Practice (APN; CNS; NP)
• Public/private clinical settings, patient’s home, schools, occupational health, community health settings

Practical Nurse
• Public/private clinical settings, patient’s home, schools, occupational health, community health settings
Permissible Practice Settings (cont.)

Registered Nurse
• Public/private clinical settings, patient’s home, schools, occupational health, community health settings

Vocational Nurse
• Public/private clinical settings, patient’s home, schools, occupational health, community health settings

Pharmacist
• Hospitals, pharmacies, other health care facilities, jails

Physician Assistant
• Clinical and community locations
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<td>The delegated authority is grounded in:</td>
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<td>– An individual physician permitting a specific practitioner or technician to engage in specific activities; or</td>
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