

Approval of RN(NP) Patient Populations

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Purpose:

To provide direction on the implementation of s. 2.14(e) of College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba General Regulations and approval for RN(NP) to engage in practice with respect to patient populations.

Policy:

1. The established patient population categories are:
 - a. Family (all ages) – This category refers to provision of generalized health care for all age groups and for a wide variety of health conditions.
 - b. Pediatric (including neonatal) – This category refers to provision of care for individuals under the age of 18 in either a generalized practice where the RN(NP) sees neonates and/or children with a variety of health conditions, or children and/or neonates in a specialty area of practice.
 - c. Adult – This category refers to provision of care for individuals over the age of 18 in either a generalized adult practice where the RN(NP) sees adults with a variety of health conditions, or adults in a specialty area of practice.
2. RN(NP)s are approved to engage in practice with the patient population in which they have demonstrated competence and was the focus of their nurse practitioner education academic theory and clinical practice. RN(NP)s are permitted to provide care only to their patient population(s) as approved by the Registrar.
3. Upon initial registration, all RN(NP)s will indicate to the College to practice their desire in one or more of the patient population areas.
4. An RN(NP) who has approval from the College to practice in one or more of the established patient population categories and wishes to change their approved patient population must apply to the College for this change and submit documentation supporting that they possess competence to provide care to the new patient population. The RN(NP) may be required to provide additional documentation at the discretion of the College. The RN(NP) may be required to undergo a clinical competence assessment and/or a course of instruction in order to be eligible for approval of change to patient population.