



College of
Registered Nurses
of Manitoba

Public Health Nurse (PHN) Authorization to Treat Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis

The purpose of this document is to provide information about PHN authorization for medication administration to treat chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.

This work results from collaboration between College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (College) and Manitoba Health Seniors and Active Living, Population and Public Health.

The *Regulated Health Professions Act* (RHPA) section 5(1)(d) permits the *Public Health Act* to authorize a reserved act such as the administration of medication.

The *Public Health Act* section 44 of states that a medical officer of health can order a PHN “to comply with a protocol or guideline approved by the chief public health officer for controlling communicable disease.”

On February 15, 2019, the Acting Chief Public Health Officer for the Province of Manitoba issued such an order to PHN who are designated by the *Public Health Personnel Regulations*.

This is a time-limited order until November 30, 2019 for PHNs to comply with the most current Communicable Disease Management Protocols for:

- Chlamydia trachomatis (D through K serovars)
- Gonorrhea
- Syphilis

This order functions as an authorization mechanism for PHN administration of medications to treat these infections. Please refer to the current versions of these protocols for specific information.

It is expected that PHNs, as RNs, will continue to practice in accordance with the Practice Direction: *Practice Expectations for RNs*.

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