



Respiratory Knowledge and Skills Framework 2020 review UPDATE

The updated New Zealand Adult Respiratory Nursing Knowledge and Skills Framework 2020 was due to be launched at the 2020 Respiratory Symposium in April. Owing to the current pandemic, the primary focus within health has been preparing for and minimising the effects of Covid-19 among our populations and health system, because of this it was decided to postpone the release of the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) until we have achieved a level of normality.

By postponing the release of the KSF any additional learnings from covid-19 could be included and the document would achieve greater attention, maximising its effectiveness in improving standards of respiratory care.

Changes made from 2016 include:

1. Summary of what the RKSF is and what it is not (p. 6)
2. Bondy Assessment Tool had been replaced with Assessment Rating Scale (p. 12) – (more user friendly)
3. Minor additions to “Definition of Terms” (p. 13)
4. Minor amendments made to “Aspects of Care” for Competent, Proficient and Expert (p. 14 to 38)
5. Supporting Guidelines and Literature including useful websites – updated (p.40-44) – good to look at these to make sure we haven’t missed anything
6. Advised if no appropriate assessor to use as a self-assessment tool
7. In “proficient/expert” section the terms (from definition of terms) are now bolded for clarity
8. Some additions/alterations to the Aspects of care for proficient and expert domains; additions /alterations to expert and proficient regarding “Pharmacological management”, with additional comment regarding RN/NP prescribing. Type 1 and 11 respiratory failure added to both proficient and expert and sentence regarding VBG added to expert in “Oxygen management” aspects of care , and additional sentence regarding health promotion aspect added to expert “Health promotion” aspect.

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