

Nurse Prescribing NZNO Library Resource Guide

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation library has prepared a list of resources relating to nurse prescribing for use by members. This list offers sources of information that can be provided by the NZNO Library, or located via the internet. This service is available only to NZNO staff and members. Further, or more specific information is available on request.

Websites

1/ Association for prescribers

The Association for Prescribers provides solidarity, education and support for effective prescribing.

<https://associationforprescribers.org.uk/>

2/ Health Education England: Training for non-medical prescribers

Non-medical prescribing (NMP) is the term used to describe any prescribing completed by a healthcare professional other than a doctor or dentist.

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/medicines-optimisation/training-non-medical-prescribers>

3/ Ministry of Health: Registered nurse prescribing

Registered nurse prescribing will improve people's access to healthcare, including access to medicines, and improve care while maintaining safety.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/nursing/developments-nursing/registered-nurse-prescribing>

4/ New Zealand Nurses Organisation: Medicines - Guidelines and information

Welcome to NZNO's medicines information page. Here you will find the most up to date information and guidelines pertinent to medicines administration and management.

https://www.nzno.org.nz/resources/medicines_-_guidelines_and_information

5/ Nursing Council of New Zealand: Registered nurse prescribing

Prescribing by registered nurses makes it easier for New Zealanders to get the medicines and health care they need.

https://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/Public/Nursing/Nurse_prescribing/NCNZ/nursing-section/Nurse_Prescribing.aspx

6/ Nursing Council of New Zealand: Registered nurse prescribing in primary health and specialty teams

Registered nurses prescribing in primary and specialty teams prescribe from a [list of medicines](#) for common and long-term conditions.

Nurses must be a part of a collaborative team so that the nurse can consult a doctor or mātanga tapuhi nurse practitioner if the patient's health concerns are more complex than they can manage.

https://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/Public/Nursing/Nurse_prescribing/RN_prescribing_in_primary_health_and_specialty/NCNZ/nursing-section/Registered_nurse_prescribing_in_primary_health_and_specialty_teams.aspx?hkey=e0dcf5e0-b496-4f84-9dd3-24b6fc55f766

7/ Royal College of Nursing: Non-medical prescribers

Types of nurse prescriber: Nurses, Midwives, Pharmacists and other allied healthcare professionals (AHPs) who have completed an accredited prescribing course and registered their qualification with their regulatory body, are able to prescribe.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-help/rcn-advice/non-medical-prescribers>

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand Articles

8/ Community nurse prescribing launched

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand. (2019, Jul). 25(6), 8.

The launch of community nurse prescribing this month will provide "much-needed relief" for nurses from cumbersome paperwork, as well as "seamless" care for patients, NZNO professional nursing adviser Angela Clark (right) said.

9/ How to change lives: Prescribing equity through better use of medicines

Botur, M.

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand. (2021, Feb). 27(1), 20-25.

An end to inequity in medicine access: it's a bold call from PHARMAC and one that requires a commitment beyond your standard government agency undertaking. The agency is focused on five key drivers--medicine availability, accessibility, affordability, acceptability and appropriateness--with the aim of changing people's lives. And those who prescribe, dispense and deliver medicines are being called to drive this change.

10/ NPs excluded from end-of-life prescribing

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand. (2021). 27(7), 8.

Nurse practitioners (NPs) have been excluded from prescribing or administering life-ending medication under the under the End of Life Choice Act (EOLCA), says Nurse Practitioners New Zealand (NPNZ) chair Sandra Oster.

11/ RN prescribers must be valued

Brinkman, A.

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand. (2019). 25(7), 32.

Registered nurse prescribers have taken on extra responsibilities and education to improve patient outcomes. They deserve to be recognised--and paid--accordingly.

12/ RN prescribing at last

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand. (2016, Aug). 22(7), 8.

Registered Nurse (RN) prescribing becomes a reality next month. Regulations enabling designated RNs to prescribe some medications would come into effect on September 20, Health Minister Jonathan Coleman announced this month.

13/ Tracing the RN prescribing journey

O'Connor, T.

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand. (2016). 22(8), 11.

"IT'S HUGE--for patients, the profession and the public." That's the verdict on registered nurse (RN) prescribing, which comes into effect on September 20, from the Nursing Council's strategic policy manager, Pam Doole.

New Zealand Articles

14/ Examining non-medical prescribing trends in New Zealand: 2016–2020

Rakhee Raghunandan., Carlo A. Marra., June Tordoff & Alesha Smith

BMC Health Services Research. (2021). 21(1), 418. doi: 10.1186/s12913-021-06435-y

Non-medical prescribing (NMP) is one strategy that has been introduced to help manage this. The aim of this study was to provide a current overview of the scale, scope, and trends of NMP practice in NZ.

15/ Factors that influence registered nurse prescribers' antibiotic prescribing practices

Lim, G., Roberts, K., Marshall, D. & Honey, M.

Nursing Praxis in New Zealand. (2020). 36(1), 42-51.

There are currently seven non-medical health professionals with various prescribing rights in Aotearoa New Zealand including registered nurses (RNs), nurse practitioners, pharmacists, optometrists, midwives, and dentists.

16/ Non-medical prescribing in New Zealand: an overview of prescribing rights, service delivery models and training

Raghunandan, R., Tordoff, J & Smith, A.

Therapeutic Advances in Drug Safety. (2017, Sept). 8(11), 349-360.

doi: 10.1177/2042098617723312

In this paper, we aim to provide an updated source of information for nonmedical prescribing (NMP) in New Zealand (NZ).

17/ Nurse prescribing in New Zealand—the difference in levels of prescribing explained

Key, J. & Hoare, K.

New Zealand Medical Journal. (2020, Oct). 133(1524), 111-118.

New Zealand has been late in implementing nurse prescribing. Towards the end of the 20th century non-medical prescribing was introduced into many westernised countries, notably in the UK, where nurses have been prescribing for decades.

18/ Registered nurse prescribing: A descriptive survey of prescribing practices in a single district health board in Aotearoa New Zealand

McGinty, M., Poot, B. & Clarke, J.

Nursing Praxis in New Zealand. (2020). 36(3), 61-72.

The expansion of prescribing rights in Aotearoa New Zealand has enabled registered nurse prescribers (RN prescribers) working in primary care and specialty teams, to enhance nursing

care, by prescribing medicines to their patient population. This widening of prescribing rights was to improve the population's access to medicines and health care; however, little is known about the medications prescribed by RN prescribers. This paper reports on a descriptive survey of self-reported RN prescribers prescribing in a single district health board.

Overseas Articles/Publications

19/ ANMF Position Statement – Registered nurse and midwife prescribing

Endorsed February 2018; Reviewed and re-endorsed February 2021

Prescribing is an iterative process involving the steps of information gathering, clinical decision making, communication, and evaluation that results in the initiation, continuation, or cessation of a medicine.

<https://www.anmf.org.au/pages/anmf-policies>

20/ An Evaluation of the expansion of nurse prescribing in Scotland

Watterson, A., Turner, F., Coull, A. & Murray, I.

Scottish Government Social Research, 2009.

Nurse prescribers in Scotland can now prescribe a range of controlled drugs for specific medical conditions. This research project which is summarised below provides an evaluation of the extension of nurse prescribing following the introduction of new legislation in 2001.

21/ Attitudes and beliefs towards implementation of nurse prescribing among general nurses and nurse specialists in China: A cross-sectional survey study

Dong-Lan Ling., Hu, Jiale., Mei-Yun Zhong., Wan-Ting Li & Hong-Jing Yu.

Nursing Open. (2021). 8(5), 2760-2772.

To investigate the attitudes and beliefs towards the implementation of nurse prescribing among general nurses and nurse specialists.

22/ The expansion of nurse prescribing in Scotland: An evaluation

Alison Coull., Ian Murray., Fiona Turner-Halliday & Andrew Watterson

British Journal of Community Nursing. (2017). 18(5), 234-42.

Medicine prescribing by community nurses commenced in the UK in 1996. By 2001, nurse prescribing was extended to include more nurses and to cover a wider formulary. This research project provides an evaluation of the extension of prescribing powers to nurses in Scotland, following the introduction of legislation in 2001.

<https://doi.org/10.12968/bjcn.2013.18.5.234>

23/ Extending the prescribing framework to nurses: Lessons from the past

Wilkinson, J.

Collegian. (2011). 18(4), 157-163.

This paper highlights the parallels between the journey to prescribing for nurse practitioners when the role was initially introduced in New Zealand and the journey now towards extending the prescribing framework to registered nurses. Nurse practitioners are the only nurses who can prescribe medicines, and their numbers are few.

24/ Framework for registered nurse prescribing in Canada

Canadian Nurses Association, April 2015

While implementing RN prescribing is more difficult by the complexity of Canada's federated governance model, in which provinces and territories are responsible for delivering health

care, the process would benefit from having a common framework supported by national, provincial and territorial collaboration.

<https://cna-aiic.ca/en/professional-development/rn-prescribing-framework>

25/ Navigating professional and prescribing boundaries: Implementing nurse prescribing in New Zealand

Anecita Gigi Lim., Nicola North & John Shaw

Nurse Education in Practice. (2017). 27, 1-6.

This study explored the experiences and perspectives of one of the first cohorts of nurse prescribers and their strategies in establishing the role and negotiating the associated professional boundaries.

26/ Non-medical prescribing and advanced practice in children's hospices

Tatterton, M.J. (2021).

In: *Medicines Management Toolkit* (3rd Ed). Bristol, UK : Together for Short Lives

Professional regulators continue to define prescribers by specific profession, using terms such as 'nurse prescriber' (Nursing and Midwifery Council, 2018a), 'pharmacist prescriber' (General Pharmaceutical Society, 2018) and 'allied health professional prescriber' (Health and Care Professions Council, 2016). However, there is a broader range of literature using the collective term of 'non-medical prescribers' (All Wales Medicines Strategy Group, 2017; Department of Health Northern Ireland, 2020; NHS England, 2020; Scottish Government, 2020), highlighting the multidisciplinary nature of contemporary prescribing practices across the UK, and the shared responsibility of prescribers for assuring safe and effective practice.

27/ Nurses', physicians' and radiographers' perceptions of the safety of a nurse prescribing of ionising radiation initiative: A cross-sectional survey

Abbey Hyde., Barbara Coughlan., Corina Naughton., Josephine Hegarty., Eileen Savage., Jennifer Grehan., Eoin Kavanagh., Adrian Moughty & Jonathan Drennan

International Journal of Nursing Studies. (2016). 58, 21-30.

doi: 10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2016.01.004. Epub 2016 Jan 30

A new initiative was introduced in Ireland following legislative changes that allowed nurses with special training to prescribe ionising radiation (X-ray) for the first time. Objective: To describe, compare and analyse perceptions of the safety of a nurse prescribing of ionising radiation initiative across three occupational groups: nursing, radiography and medicine.

28/ Nursing students' attitude and preparedness for nurse prescribing and its relationship with self-efficacy

Hamidreza Haririan., Azad Rahmani., Joanne E. Porter., Mehdi Heidarzadeh., Arman Azadi., Safieh Faghani & Narges Moradi

Nurse Education in Practice. (2021). 54, 103126. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nepr.2021.103126>

The number of countries where nurses are allowed to prescribe has increased over the past two decades. Nursing students' self-efficacy has the main impact on their clinical and cognitive skills. The aim of this study is to determine nursing students' attitudes and preparedness for nurse prescribing and its relationship with their perceived self-efficacy.

29/ Prescribers are maxi-nurses, not mini-doctors: In an overstretched NHS, prescribing enables nurses to be efficient and autonomous

Nursing Standard. (2020). 35(3), 35-36.

When I started my nursing career in 1989, nurses weren't allowed to prescribe medicines, not even paracetamol. This was frustrating for many of us, especially the senior nurses who advised junior doctors on prescribing medicines for patients within their specialties.

30/ Preparing pre-registration nurses to be 'prescriber ready': Aspirational or an achievable reality?

Prydderch, S.

Nurse Education Today. (2019). 78, 1-4.

This paper explores the new NMC educational and practice standards for nurses and the potential infrastructures required of the AEI where there is a responsibility under the NMC to develop a new, more progressive generation of 'prescriber ready' nurse.

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