

VCH Practice Update



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Nursing Scope of Practice - Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunizations with an Order

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Situation/Background:

With influenza season upon us, nurses are asking what their scope of practice is regarding patient immunization with an order.

As per the CLPNBC, CRNBC, and CRPNBC scope of practice documents, the following is a summary:

Registered Nurses (RN) and Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within scope• No additional educational courses required
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within scope• Must have completed the BCCDC LPN Online Immunization Competency Course• May only immunize clients 4 years of age and older• May only immunize clients if an RN, MD, or NP is on site and available

Action/Recommendation:

All nurses who administer influenza and pneumococcal immunizations must meet usual medication administration practice standards including adhering to the 'Seven Rights', providing client education, knowing the action of the immunization and how to manage intended and unintended outcomes.

Patient vaccine resources can be found [here](#).

For more information:

[CLPNBC Scope of Practice](#)

[CRNBC Scope of Practice](#)

[CRPNBC Scope of Practice](#) and [Standards, Limits and Conditions](#)

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