

**SUBJECT: MEDICATION ORDERS**

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**Purpose:**

To ensure medications are ordered by licensed practitioners as per federal/provincial legislation.

**Policy/Standard:**

No drug is dispensed without an order or prescription from:

- A physician (licensed provincially).
- A dentist (licensed provincially) for analgesics, antibiotics and single dose anxiolytics.
- A nurse practitioner or regional nurse within their scope of practice.

Prescriptions written by physicians outside the province must be cosigned by a provincially licensed physician.

Verbal orders or telephone orders from a physician to a regional nurse are documented in the client's health record as follows.

- Date and time.
- Physician's name.
- Medication - name, strength, dosage, frequency of administration.
- Verbal/telephone order: nurses signature.

Complete and fax the telephone advise log.  
Refer to Administration Policy C-1-70 form lgh-193