

FNIHB- OR Nursing Policy and Procedure

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| Section: | Pharmacy | Policy Number: | III - 02 |
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1. POLICY:

- 1.1 Registered Nurses (RN) in the general and extended class are required to handle controlled substances in accordance with the policies and procedures stated in *FNIHB Policy and Procedures on Controlled Drug Substances for First Nations Health Facilities*.

2. PRINCIPLES:

- 2.1 *FNIHB Policy and Procedures on Controlled Drug Substances for First Nations Health Facilities* includes policies and procedures governing the possession, sale, supply, transport, ordering, storage, prescribing, administration, provision, record-keeping, accounting, wastage, destruction, and security of controlled substances.

3. DEFINITIONS:

- 3.1 **Controlled Substance:** includes any substance, alone or in combination with other active chemicals, listed in Schedules I through V of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. Controlled Substances include controlled drugs, narcotics, and targeted substances e.g. benzodiazepines, and their preparations.
- 3.2 **Controlled Drug:** includes any substance, alone or in combination with other active chemicals, listed in the Schedule to Part G of the *Food and Drug Regulations*. These drugs are typically amphetamine-like substances, barbiturates or anabolic steroids, e.g., methylphenidate, phenobarbital and testosterone.
- 3.3 **Narcotic:** includes any substance, alone or in combination with other active chemicals, listed in the Schedule to the *Narcotic Control Regulations*. Many of these substances are used for managing pain, e.g., codeine, meperidine, and morphine.
- 3.4 **Nurse:** Refers to Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners

4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 The nurse shall handle controlled substances as directed by the *FNIHB Policy and Procedures on Controlled Drug Substances for First Nations Health Facilities*.
- 4.2 The nurse shall seek clarification from his/her supervisor or regional pharmacist, as required.

5. RELATED POLICIES:

FNIHB Policy and Procedures on Controlled Drug Substances for First Nations Health Facilities

6. REFERENCES:

FNIHB (2013). *FNIHB Nursing Station Formulary and Drug Classification System*

FNIHB (2013). *FNIHB Policy and Procedures on Controlled Drug Substances for First Nations Health Facilities*

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