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QUESTION

CERTO Approved Certification Packages for Advanced Prescribed Procedures Below the Dermis...What you need to know.

ANSWER

The [Professional Practice Guideline Certification Programs for Advanced Prescribed Procedures Below the Dermis](#), describes the process and content necessary to obtain a CERTO approved certification program for advanced prescribed procedures below the dermis. There are also checklists that accompany this guideline [click here](#). If your organization decides to use one of the CERTO's [Clinical Best Practice Guidelines](#) as the basis for your learning package, you may follow the process and fill out Checklist B.

It is important to note that the legislation and regulations that govern the practice of Respiratory Therapists in Ontario may be different from that of other professions e.g., Nurses.

Here is an example:

The controlled act in the [RHPA](#) states: "Performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis", but the [Respiratory Therapist Act](#) states: "performing a prescribed procedure below the dermis". Prescribed in this case, means listed in the [Prescribed Procedures Regulation](#) under the Respiratory Therapy Act. In other words, there are additional requirements that govern the practice of Respiratory Therapists.

The CERTO recognizes that these requirements may sometimes present a challenge to creating interprofessional policies and procedures, however interprofessional collaboration implies that interprofessional policies and procedures must meet the professional standards of all the regulated health care professionals involved. It is possible to integrate the relevant CERTO's Clinical Best Practice Guideline into your hospital's learning package, to ensure that all the essential elements are included.

Here is a tip...

When developing your proposed certification package, the "learner" who is the Respiratory Therapist, must "learn" about the legislative requirements that are specific to their scope and standards of practice. These requirements are related to the authority, quality assurance and record keeping items on the checklist, so include them in your learning package and policy. Feel free to cut and paste the exact wording from the CERTO's documents if necessary.