Scope of Practice

You are reminded that in accordance with the Code, **you are accountable for your own decisions, actions, omissions and related outcomes.**

In compliance with the Code, ask yourself these questions relating to the decision you must make.

1. Identify need/benefit

→ Has there been a comprehensive assessment to establish the individual's health and cultural needs?

→ Has there been appropriate consultation with, and consent by, the individual receiving care?

→ Does the activity consider the will and preference of the individual receiving care?

2. Reflect on scope of practice

→ Do you have the necessary knowledge skills and competence to carry out this activity?

→ Have legislative requirements been met?

→ Does your practice comply with the Code?

3. Consider context of practice

→ Is the activity/practice/delegation supported by the organisation?

→ Is the activity supported by local or national Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines (PPPGs)?

→ If this is a new practice is there a system for ongoing education and maintenance of competence in place?

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<tr><td>**If you answered YES to ALL of the above**</td><td>**If you answered NO to ANY of the above**</td></tr>
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Take Action:

→ Perform the activity, reconfirm consent from the individual receiving care

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→ document the decision and the actions

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→ evaluate outcome.

(see corresponding algorithm)

Take Action:

→ You must make sure that the individual's needs are met, this may be through collaboration, delegation or referral to other healthcare professional

→ You must discuss with your line manager/supervisor what you need to do to take measures to develop and maintain your professional competence

→ If appropriate, consider what needs to happen to put the necessary policies, procedure protocols and guidelines in place to enable practice changes, if appropriate and document such considerations as per algorithm

and

→ document the decisions and the actions.

(see corresponding algorithm)