Think about Your Nursing or Midwifery Role or Activity

PATIENT SAFETY FIRST

Is the role/activity you plan to undertake respectful of the patients’ rights and will they derive an overall benefit from your actions?

YES

Does the role/activity fit in with definitions and values that underpin nursing and midwifery as outlined in the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics and Scope of Practice?

NO

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YES

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Have you the necessary competence to carry out the role/activity?

NO

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YES

Is the role/activity supported in your practice setting?

NO

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Are you willing to accept responsibility and accountability for your role or activity?

NO

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YES

Proceed

Carry out the role or activity and document the details.

*HCP – Healthcare Professional

PPPGs – Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines

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Is the role/activity supported in your practice setting?

For example through relevant legislation, national or local PPPGs* or evidence based resources.

Are you willing to accept responsibility and accountability for your role or activity?

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Consider what measures you need to take to develop and maintain your competence.

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