

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER'S DIRECTIVE

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Supersedes

COMPLIANCE OF PATIENT CARE DELIVERY STANDARDS

Effective February 1, 2002, Non-compliance of the existing BTS Level 1 policy, as it relates to supervised patient care by St. John Ambulance (SJA) Community Services members, will not be tolerated i.e. zero tolerance.

The "direct supervision" ratio of Independent Patient Care Providers (IPCP) to Supervised Patient Care Providers (those NOT holding a minimum BTS Level 1 certification and at least 18 years of age or over) shall be 1 IPCP per 2 Non IPCP (supervised patient care) members.

Direct supervision is defined as the supervision of all aspects of patient care being delivered by each Non-IPCP being supervised. Individuals providing direct supervision must possess the physical ability to effectively assess the words and actions of each Non-IPCP member performing patient care duties.


Only adult patient care providers, age 18 years of age or older, who have successfully completed the BAP within the past calendar year may directly supervise patient care being delivered by Non-IPCP members.

Further, as of January 1, 2003, BTS Level 1 shall become the minimum requirement for "performing patient care duties" as a SJA Community Services member.

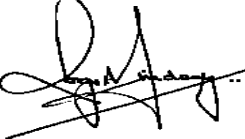
Further, as of January 1, 2003, cadets and crusaders (under the age of 18) and probationary adult patient care members may continue to "Assist with Patient Care" under the "direct supervision" of an IPCP.

Further, as of January 1, 2003, crusaders (over the age of 18) and non-probationary Adult Patient Care members shall not be eligible to "perform patient care duties" until BTS Level 1 Certification is achieved.

Following a new adult patient care member's initial probationary year (not to exceed one year), the "Assisting with Patient Care" status" shall expire and this member shall not be permitted to "perform patient care duties" under any circumstances (supervised or unsupervised) until BTS Level 1 Certification is achieved.

Authority


The above text of this mandated directive has been thoroughly researched and I not only underline its importance and direction but also remind everyone of its correct place in the provision of care to other Ontarians and of its impact in our legal liabilities as we serve *Pro Utilitate Hominum*.


President of Council