

Six-step Decision-making Model for Determining Nursing Scope of Practice

# IS THIS TASK OR PROCEDURE IN MY SCOPE OF PRACTICE

## STEP 1

- YES** Is the act consistent with the Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA)?
- Do the board's rules or position statements address this specific act?

## STEP 2

- YES** Is the activity appropriately authorized by a valid order/protocol and in accordance with established policies and procedures?

## STEP 3

- YES** Is the act supported by either research reported in nursing and health-related literature or in scope-of-practice statements by national nursing organizations?

## STEP 4

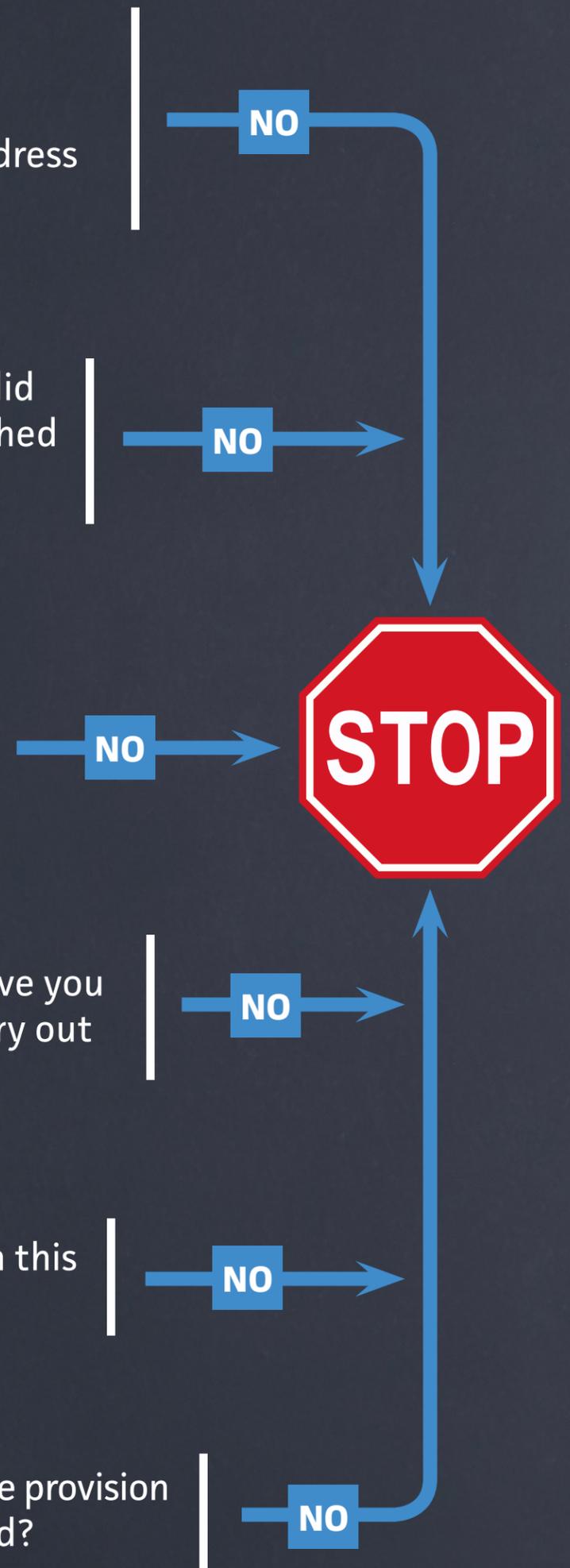
- YES** Do you possess the required knowledge and have you demonstrated the competency required to carry out this activity safely?

## STEP 5

- YES** Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform this activity in this setting?

## STEP 6

Are you prepared to assume accountability for the provision of safe care and the outcome of the care rendered?



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Texas Nursing Practice Act 301.002 (2), 301.002 (5), BON Rules 217, 224, 225

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If no, stop.

If yes, continue to Step 2.

### STEP 2

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If no, stop.

If yes, continue to Step 3.

### STEP 3

Is the act supported by either research reported in nursing and health-related literature or in scope-of-practice statements by national nursing organizations?

If no, stop.

If yes, continue to Step 4.

### STEP 4

Do you possess the required knowledge and have you demonstrated the competency required to carry out this activity safely?

If no, stop.

If yes, continue to Step 5.

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If no, stop.

If yes, continue to Step 6.

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