



Invasive Procedures for Paramedicine Policy

This document is the parent policy for any College procedures or regulations. Questions regarding this policy are to be directed to the identified Policy Administrator.

Policy Statement:

All invasive procedures performed by students on other students during their education program, may only be undertaken under the direct supervision of faculty and after procedure specific informed consent has been obtained.

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Policy Administrator:	Dean, Health, Human Services & University Studies
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Objective:	Performing skills safely on each other in a supervised lab setting can assist with skill development and foster professional attitudes such as empathy, sensitive communication and patient respect.
Guidelines:	<p>When students examine patients, they are required to respect autonomy, obtain appropriate consent and anticipate refusal. Similarly, when students act as patients, the same ethical principles apply.</p> <p>The agreement to participate must be entirely voluntary. Students must know that a refusal will not be detrimental to their success in the program. Students must receive appropriate procedure specific informed consent for each procedure from the "patient" student for each invasive procedure done.</p> <p>Students learn invasive procedures as part of their required program of study. Competent practice on non-living models must be demonstrated prior to performing any invasive procedure on live subjects.</p> <p>Any invasive procedure must use appropriate, sterilized equipment in the Northern Lakes College lab setting only. Needles, syringes or catheters must never be removed from the facility by the students.</p> <p>A student shall not practice these invasive procedures on their own body.</p> <p>Faculty shall not ask a student to perform a skill beyond the student's competence. Students shall receive supervision and instruction appropriate for the risk level of the procedure.</p> <p>Faculty are accountable for understanding the student's competence in safely completing any invasive procedure on another student. Students have a responsibility to inform instructors if they do not feel competent to complete the learning activity or if there is any factor, including medical conditions that may affect</p>

	<p>their participation in the procedure.</p> <p>Demonstrations of invasive procedures on any Northern Lakes College student must only be completed by faculty competent in the skill with separate informed consent by the student for each demonstration.</p> <p>Invasive procedures are limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV cannulation and normal saline administration in the upper extremities • blood glucose testing • subcutaneous injections of normal saline • intramuscular injections of normal saline
Definitions:	N/A

Related Northern Lakes College Documents:	N/A
Related External Information:	Alberta College of Paramedics Standards of Practice
Stakeholders Consulted:	<p>Academic Council: May 24, 2016; Feb 13, 2019; Nov 26, 2024</p> <p>Deans Council: May 2, 2016; Nov 14, 2024</p> <p>Operations Committee: Jun 14, 2016 (defunct)</p> <p>Policy Review Committee: Mar 12, 2019 (defunct)</p> <p>President's Advisory Team: Dec 4, 2024</p>
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