



Realizing the Potential of Our Scope of Practice

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Key Messages

- RN Scope of Practice Document allows nurses to act without an order.
- We are, as nurses, credible sources for supporting colleagues (nurses) in acting without an order
- Fraser Health is doing it, you can too



Acting Without an Order

- What is acting without an order?
- Acting without an order using evidence from credible sources.



Acting Without an Order (cont'd)

- Registered nurses ultimately are accountable for their own decision and actions



Acting Without An Order (cont'd)

- We as RNs can make independent decisions about immunizations



Acting Without An Order (cont'd)

- What if a scenario is not within the manual?



Acting Without An Order (cont'd)

- Seeking advice from other nurses is not viewed as “getting an order.”



Examples of DST and RN Scope of Practice (Case Studies)

- A refugee who has recently immigrated from another country whose immunization history is incomplete
 - how do we complete immns?
- A child had a fever after their first set of vaccines-can I give the 2nd doses today?



When is Consultation/Order Required?

- deviation from the Immunization or CD manual (DST)
 - child travelling to Iraq before first birthday....can he/she get immns done before travelling?
- chemoprophylaxis for contacts of a Meningococcal case
- vaccine reactions?



What is an AEFI CD Nurse Coordinator

- What does the role look like?

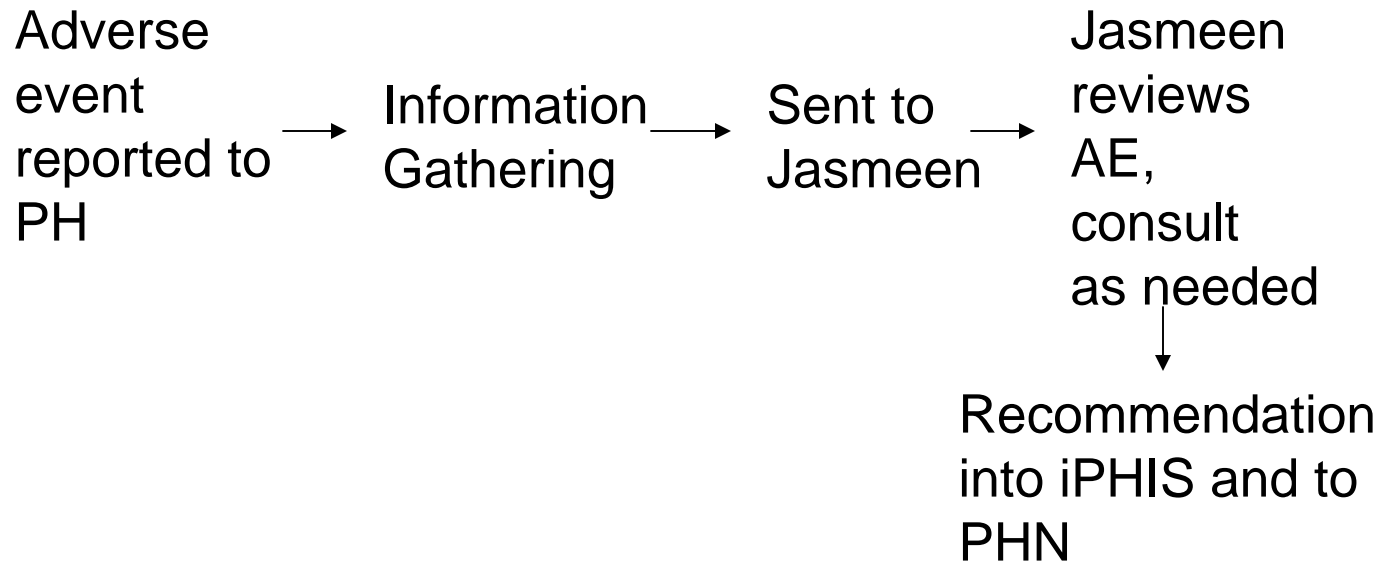


How did the Role Come to be?

- How are AEFIs currently dealt with?
- Review of AEFI process
 - What is working and what isn't?
- How can we do things differently?
 - CD Practice Committee/MHO group
- Development of new standardized AEFI process



FH AEFI Reporting Process





Day in the Life of CDNC-AEFI

- consults
- preparing and writing up recommendations
- discussions with MHO for those requiring consultation



Challenges

- is it legal?
- specialized training required?
- adjustment to change



Next Steps

- Evaluate
- Building capacity



What Have We Learnt?

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Thank You

Questions?