

DID YOU SAY... COLLECTIVE PRESCRIPTION (CP)?

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From creation to revision...

The CP is a key element allowing nurses to fully practice their profession. However, it is vital to fully understand the issues before writing and implementing it.

Contrarily to the individual prescription, the person who is subject to the collective prescription does not have to be assessed beforehand by the physician.



What does a CP involve?

A collective prescription is "a prescription given by a physician or a group of physicians to an authorized person, specifying the medications, treatments, examinations or other forms of care to be provided to a group of persons or for clinical situations stipulated in this prescription, the circumstances in which they may be provided and the possible contraindications."

The five (5) professional responsibilities of the nurse when using a CP



Acquire the required scientific knowledge, skills and clinical judgment through specific training.



Evaluating the person's state of health before executing a CP.



Knowing the activity's inherent risks.



Ensuring that medical resources are available to be able to intervene in situations of complication or referral.



Consulting with the physician if clarifications are required.



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What is the best time frame to proceed with the revision of a collective prescription?

According to the Institut national de l'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS), this is not an obligation to ensure validity, but the desirable time frame to proceed with the revision of CPs and protocols is **every (3) three years** considering the scientific advances in the various fields of health.

However, this time frame could be even shorter if required by scientific data.



For more information...

Go directly to the **website of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec**!

[www.oiiq.org/pratique-infirmiere/
ordonnances-collectives](http://www.oiiq.org/pratique-infirmiere/ordonnances-collectives) [French only]

The fourth tab featuring the file on the **nursing practice** (*pratique infirmière*) contains all the information about the nurses' clinical practice. The **collective prescriptions** (*ordonnances collectives*) section, **practical tools** (*outils pratiques*) tab, is very useful in terms of understanding and writing a CP. It contains, for example:

- The ABCs of the collective prescription
- The model framework for the development of collective prescriptions



Once on the site, don't forget about the frequently asked questions regarding CPs!

You will certainly find clear answers to questions that you have asked yourself in the past or that you should be asking yourself...

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US:

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