



Registered Nurses Association
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DISPENSING, COMPOUNDING AND PACKAGING DRUGS

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SECTION 1

(1) A registered nurse may dispense, compound or package drugs

(a) in accordance with employer policies and guidelines;

(b) on the instruction of a pharmacist, nurse practitioner, midwife, physician, dentist or veterinarian; or

(c) from a formulary of stocked drugs in accordance with employer policies and guidelines.

(2) A registered nurse must have the specific knowledge, skills and judgement to dispense, compound or package the drug safely, effectively and ethically in accordance with the requirements of the policy and standards of practice.

SECTION 2

(1) A registered nurse shall dispense, compound or package drugs in the interests of patient care.

(2) A registered nurse shall not derive personal or commercial monetary gain from the dispensing, compounding or packaging of drugs other than employment remuneration.

(a) A registered nurse shall not sell drugs by retail.

(b) A registered nurse may collect a specific fee for a specific drug on behalf of the employer in accordance with employer policy.