

# SAHTU HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE AUTHORITY

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**REFERENCE  
MATERIAL**

**POLICY:**

Community Health Nurses and Nurse Practitioners shall use the most current and evidence base reference materials to guide their practices.

**PURPOSE**

Accessibility to reference materials is essential for assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of nursing care. An approved list ensures references are consistent with accepted standards, policies, regulations, and legislation.

**REFERENCES:**

GNWT Policy 720, Reference Materials  
GNWT Policy 720 A, Reference Materials Resources

**ATTACHEMENT**

Reference Material Resources List

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### REFERENCE MATERIAL RESOURCES LIST

NWT Department of Health and Social Services clinical practice standards and guidelines manuals and resources:

NWT Clinical Practice Guidelines for Primary Community Care Nursing (2003)  
NWT Community Health Nursing Programs, Standards, and Protocols (2003)  
NWT Guidelines on Communicable Disease Exposure for Emergency Responders (March 2000)  
NWT Health Centre Formulary (September 2005)  
NWT HIV/AIDS Manual for Health Professionals (May 2006)  
NWT Infection Control Manual (March 2004)  
NWT TB Manual (March 2003)  
Communicable Diseases Manual (March 2007)  
Health Suite Coding Manual (2007)  
Mental Health Act – Information for Health Centres (August 2001)  
The Ottawa Hospital Parental Drug Therapy Manual (2004)

National clinical practice standards and guidelines manuals and resources:

Canadian Immunization Guide (Seventh Edition 2006)  
Canadian Guidelines on Sexually Transmitted Infections (2006)  
Canadian Tuberculosis Standards (5<sup>th</sup> Ed., 2000)  
Bugs and Drugs (2006)  
Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA). Medical Drivers Manual (2004)  
Therapeutics Choices (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)  
CPC – Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties

Recommended Websites for Evidence-Based Practice:

NWT Health Guide for Health Professionals – provides links to NWT Clinical Practice Notices, EpiNorth, Legislation and Policies, The Cochrane Library, NWT Manuals and Forms <http://www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca/>

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) – Health Technology Assessments, Common Drug Review and Canadian Optimum Prescribing and Utilization Service (COMPUS) <http://www.cadth.ca>

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Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) <http://www.cchsa.ca> .

Links related to patient safety <http://www.cchsa-ccass.ca/default.aspx?page=210>

Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health <http://www.ctfphc.org>

Public Health Agency of Canada <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/>

Health Canada First Nations and Inuit Health  
[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnih-spni/index\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnih-spni/index_e.html)

Registered Nurses Association of Northwest Territories and Nunavut  
<http://www.rnantnu.ca/>

Canadian Nurses Association  
[www.cna-nurses.ca](http://www.cna-nurses.ca)

NurseOne Portal  
[www.nurseone.ca](http://www.nurseone.ca)

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