

NATURE OF ENQUIRY	RESPONSE
<p>Have the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) been officially adopted by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Professional Board for Emergency Care (PBEC)?</p>	<p>Yes – the CPGs have formally been adopted by the PBEC.</p>
<p>May registered persons practice the skills that were previously not on their related scopes of practice?</p>	<p>Yes, provided that you have successfully completed an accredited CPG Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activity.</p>
<p>What is the current situation regarding additional/new medications that have been added to the relevant scopes of practice?</p>	<p>Registered persons are encouraged to undergo CPG CPD activities related to these medications. However, until approval by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) approval, these may not be used in clinical practice yet. Registered persons will be notified when approval has been obtained. The finally approved SAHPRA list may appear different to the current list.</p>
<p>What is an accredited CPG CPD activity?</p>	<p>These are CPD activities offered by accredited service providers or service providers where the <u>specific activities</u> related to the CPGs have been assessed and accredited.</p>
<p>Who currently offers the CPG CPD activities?</p>	<p>Please visit the HPCSA website to see a list of providers.</p>
<p>Who may apply to offer CPD activities related to the CPGs?</p>	<p>Any individual, service provider or accredited service provider may apply to offer CPG CPD activities via an Accreditor.</p>
<p>Why do I have to undergo CPG CPD related activities for skills or medications that I may already be familiar with or have previously used?</p>	<p>It is possible that at the time of the offering of your specific qualification, this teaching/training of that skill/medication may not have formed part of that curriculum/course (subsequently added to the scope of practice without additional training). Therefore, to ensure patient safety, these skills/medications require CPG CPD related activities. In addition, the context of the skill and medication that</p>

<p>Has a task team been established by the HPCSA and National Department of Health regarding the CPGs (NDoH) and what is its function?</p>	<p>previously was on the scope of practice may have changed.</p> <p>Yes, this is an internal advisory and discussion forum. Decisions emanating from this task team are sent to the PBEC for final consideration and communication.</p>
<p>There was confusion around the 31st of December 2018 date mentioned in the last formal communication related to the CPGs. What did this date mean?</p>	<p>This served merely as a familiarization period, and to allow existing emergency service providers an opportunity to adjust their human resource structure. Skills and medications previously on the relevant scopes of practice must have and should have ceased by the 31st of December 2018.</p>
<p>Should I have been familiar with all of the content of the CPGs by the 31st of December 2018?</p>	<p>No, the document is of such a nature that ongoing training and education regarding the CPGs will continue well into 2019 and 2020.</p>
<p>Will I be allowed to continue with training and education of the CPG content and related material beyond 31 December 2018?</p>	<p>Absolutely, this is an expectation and is absolutely encouraged.</p>
<p>May my employer instruct me to practice outside of my scope of practice?</p>	<p>No, this is not permitted. You must practice within your relevant scope of practice, as you as an individual is registered with the HPCSA, not your employer</p>
<p>May I transfer a patient on medications or on equipment/devices that are not within my scope of practice?</p>	<p>Permission and consultation with the transferring healthcare provider must be sought. Where additional interventions (commencement) or alterations of in-situ medications and equipment/devices (which are not in the scope of practice) are likely, this transfer should be undertaken by a registered Emergency Care Provider with a relevant skill set. Where no considerable alterations/amendments to the medications or equipment/devices are necessary, this transfer may be undertaken (this is strictly applicable to an interfacility transfer context). Registered persons undertaking these transfers must be</p>

<p>Is a more definitive, prescriptive guide to clinical practice being developed?</p>	<p>prepared to act in the case of acute deterioration.</p> <p>Yes, by using the existing CPGs, a more regimented guide to clinical practice is currently being explored. This will be particularly relevant to common conditions and scenarios.</p>
<p>Will the CPGs and related scopes of practice change in future?</p>	<p>Yes, this is the first guide of its kind in the South African emergency care context, and updates and amendments will follow.</p>