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PURPOSE

To formally state the Faculty of Nursing's position regarding the performance of invasive procedures by undergraduate nursing students.

Background

Following the recent incidents in which students publicly performed intravenous (IV) insertions on peers have warranted the need for clear guidance to ensure student safety, professional accountability, and adherence to ethical and regulatory standards. Currently, the Faculty does not have a formal policy specifically addressing invasive procedures performed by undergraduate nursing students outside of supervised clinical or laboratory settings.

Position Statement

The Faculty of Nursing affirms that invasive procedures, including but not limited to intravenous (IV) insertions, injections, venipuncture, catheterizations, and any procedure that penetrates the skin or enters the body, must only be performed within approved educational or clinical environments under supervision of licenced personnel.

Undergraduate nursing students are strictly prohibited from performing invasive procedures:

- Outside of designated clinical placements, simulation laboratories, or faculty-approved practice settings.
- Without the direct supervision of qualified faculty members, clinical instructors, or preceptors.
- On peers, friends, family members, or members of the public for practice, demonstration, or non-clinical purposes.

Rationale

This position is based on the following principles:

Patient and Student Safety
Professional and Ethical Standards
Legal and Liability Considerations