

State by State Summary of Nurses Allowed to Perform Conservative Sharp Debridement

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ALABAMA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

ALASKA

The Nursing board determined that it is acceptable practice only for the CETN/CWOCN to do sharp debridement. Must have a physician's order and a clear policy and procedure at place of employment.

RN that do not meet above criteria and LPN's may not perform this procedure.

ARIZONA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

ARKANSAS

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

CALIFORNIA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LVN's may not perform this procedure.

COLORADO

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN' may not perform this procedure.

CONNECTICUT

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

DELAWARE

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RN and LPN's may not perform this procedure. Must be an APRN.

FLORIDA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

GEORGIA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

HAWAII

Per state board, there is no definitive statement allowing or prohibiting RN's and LVN's from performing this procedure. There is no established decision making tree to follow.

IDAHO

Per state board, RN must use the decision making tree. LPN's may perform if delegated by an RN and RN feels they are competent. The Board has not made a definitive decision on this matter.

ILLINOIS

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

INDIANA

Practice act does not address this procedure and the Board has not ruled on this procedure. RN/LPN must check with facility/institution's policy and procedure and/or attorney regarding this matter.

IOWA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

KANSAS

RN's and LPN's may not perform this procedure.

KENTUCKY

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

LOUISIANA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. They must also have validation of technical skills on an annual basis. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

MAINE

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

MARYLAND

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

MASSACHUSSETS

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

MICHIGAN

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have had education and training and work under the supervision of a physician. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

MINNESOTA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN may perform this procedure if competent (additional education and clinical practice) and RN delegates task to LPN. Facility policy and procedures should reflect LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

MISSISSIPPI

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

MISSOURI

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

Board has not made a practice decision for LPN's. Use the decision making tree.

MONTANA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

NEBRASKA

RN's and LPN's can perform this procedure as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill. LPN's must work under the direct supervision of the RN.

NEVADA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

NEW JERSEY

The state board has made no specific ruling regarding this procedure. RN's and LPN's must use the decision making model algorithm.

NEW MEXICO

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

NEW YORK

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

NORTH CAROLINA

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

NORTH DAKOTA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

OHIO

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's can also perform this procedure if they meet the same criteria as RN's.

OKLAHOMA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may perform this procedure under the direct supervision of a RN or physician as well as meeting the RN criteria.

OREGON

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

PENNSYLVANIA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN practice act has no definitive statement and no ruling has been made by the Board. If LPN chooses to engage in this skill, should meet the criteria of RN's at least.

RHODE ISLAND

RN's and LPN's may not perform this procedure.

SOUTH CAROLINA

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

SOUTH DAKOTA

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

TENNESSEE

RN's and LPN's may not perform this procedure.

TEXAS

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

UTAH

RN's and LPN's may only perform this procedure under the direct and visual supervision of a physician who is delegating the task.

VERMONT

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

VIRGINIA

RN's and LPN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's and LPN's capacity to perform this skill.

WASHINGTON

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN practice act does not address this skill. If LPN chooses to perform this procedure they should meet same criteria as a RN, work under supervision of RN or MD.

WEST VIRGINIA

The board has not made a definitive statement regarding RN's or LPN's performing this procedure. They recommend using the Decision Making Model.

WISCONSIN

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.

WYOMING

RN's can perform SD as long as they have taken a course and had supervised clinical practice. The facility policy and procedures must reflect the RN's capacity to perform this skill.

LPN's may not perform this procedure.