

2nd National Pharmacy Conference

The Authorised Nurse/Midwife Prescriber in
the RSA

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Points for discussion

- Introduction
- Nursing Act 33 of 2005 and regulations
- Other relevant legislation
- The South African Nursing Council (SANC) website
- Conclusion



Introduction

- Each individual seems to have his/her own opinion of what Nurses/Midwives can and cannot do and what the jurisdiction of the South African Nursing Council (SANC) is; and how far its powers go (or does not go).
- Why Nurse/Midwife prescribing?
- The golden rule of communication and collaboration.

Nursing Act 33 of 2005 and regulations

- Section 31 – registered categories of Nurses/Midwives who can be/are authorised to prescribe
- The confusion around the interpretation of Section 56 caused by the previous Section 38A of the **now repealed Nursing Act 50 of 1978**
- Regulation R. 2418
- Regulations R. 425, R. 683, R. 48
- The Nurse/Midwife Specialist

Other relevant legislation

- Medicine and Related Substances Control Act 101 of 1965 (as amended)
- Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008

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- Nursing Act 31 of 2005
- Relevant Regulations
- Competencies for each category of Nurse/Midwife in terms of Section 31 of the Nursing Act

Conclusion

- Prescribing medication was not intended by the Nursing Act 33 of 2005 for private Nurse/Midwifery Practitioners
- Prescribing medication by Nurses/Midwives is intended in a Primary Health Care setup where there is a need for Nurses/Midwives to take care of this function due to circumstances as described in section 56(6)(d) of the Nursing Act

The End!!!!

