1. PURPOSE

1.1 To standardize referral process to interprofessional services for nursing to facilitate consistent recognized practice.

2. POLICY

2.1 Registered Nurses (RNs), Graduate Nurses (GNs), Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs), Graduate Psychiatric Nurses (GPNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Graduate Licensed Practical Nurses (GLPNs) will write referrals and process.

3. PROCEDURES

Note: See Appendix A – Work Standard

3.1 Identify referral and rationale

Note: Nursing referrals include (not limited to):

- Physiotherapy,
- Occupational therapy,
- Dietitian,
- Social Work,
- Speech
- Client Patient Access Services,
- Wound Care,
- Mental Health and Addictions,
- Mental Health Liaison Nurse,
- First Nations and Metis Health,
- TB Control,
- Chronic Disease Management (Live Well)
http://infonet.sktnhrc.ca/chronicdiseasemanagement/Pages/Home.aspx
3.2 Write referrals in Practitioner’s Orders including rationale, date, time and signature with designation.

**EXAMPLE**

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3.3 Flag order to be processed.

3.4 Complete applicable consultation/referral form and send as per facility protocol.

3.5 Ensure order process is completed.
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### Essential Tasks:

1. Identify referral and rationale.
2. Write referral in Practitioner’s Orders; include rationale, date, time and signature with designation.
3. Flag order to be processed.
4. Ensure order process is completed.