

DO I HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ISSUE?

Consider each question below to determine if you have a professional practice issue. This list of questions is not exhaustive, but is intended to be a guide in your assessment of a situation you may find yourself in as a Regulated Health Professional. To ensure your nursing licence is not at risk, it is important to ask the following questions and seek the support to address the problem.

Based on problem stated above:	No	Yes
1. Does the problem present a risk to patients?		
2. Is there a lack of written policies or practice guidelines to provide direction for nursing practice in the situation?		
3. Does the problem occur frequently?		
4. Do other registered nurses express similar concerns in this situation?		
5. In this situation is communication difficult, strained or unprofessional?		
6. Is there a lack of supplies or equipment?		
7. Does the “mix” of staff make it difficult to meet the Professional Standards and Guidelines ?		
8. Does the problem make it difficult or impossible for you to practice competently according to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility policies and procedures • Care plans • The Professional Standards or the Canadian Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses 		

If you answered “Yes” to most of these questions, then you likely have a professional practice problem in your workplace. Contact a Steward to initiate the appropriate steps to address your issue.