# Using and Following Protocols

**RATIONALE:** To ensure protocols are used appropriately to provide efficient, high quality care.

## Important Points to Remember:

- Follow the protocols as written.

- All protocols can be found in PolicyTech.

- Clinical protocols are different from policies and standard operating procedure (SOP).

- PolicyTech: *"Policy on Policies"* for more information on policies & SOPs.



**Clinical Protocol:**

a mandatory, detailed, written instruction or delegated medical act that directs the care of the patient in a specific area of practice, based on an order by a Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP), and **outside the nursing scope of practice to change.**

**ANY DEVIATION FROM THE PROTOCOL REQUIRES AN ORDER FROM THE PHYSICIAN OR OTHER LIP TAKING CARE OF THE PATIENT.**