Te Kaunihera Tapuhi o Aotearoa
Nursing Council of New Zealand

Te Whakarite i ngā mahi tapuhi kia tiakina ai te haumaru ā-iwi
Regulating nursing practice to protect public safety

Decision-making process for delegation by a registered nurse

Does the registered nurse have the skills and knowledge to safely delegate care in this context?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

Can this activity be routinely performed without complex observations, decision making or nursing judgment?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

Has the health consumer's health status been assessed and delegation of care determined to be appropriate?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

Is this health care activity within the level of knowledge, skill and experience of the person being delegated the activity?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

Are there organisational policies and procedures in place to support the delegation?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

Does the person who has been delegated the activity understand the delegated activity, have appropriate direction and know when and who to ask for assistance and who to report to?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

Is there ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes of care by the registered nurse?

No → DO NOT DELEGATE

↓ Yes

DELEGATION CAN OCCUR