

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF NURSING**

**POSITION STATEMENT ON:**

**NURSE DRIVEN PROTOCOL**

The NH board of nursing voted March 2016 to recognize the concept of Nurse Driven Protocol.

A nurse driven protocol is one in which the nurse initiates a detailed plan of collaborative treatment which is evidenced based, developed and reviewed by the medical staff, nursing leadership or other disciplines with expertise related to the protocol; and be in accordance with any state or federal laws or regulations such as state boards of nursing, pharmacy and medicine.

The goal of the nurse driven protocol is to eliminate unnecessary patient care delays by empowering nurses to initiate care immediately when appropriate.