

VIRGINIA BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

“Treatment by Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners of Male Clients for Sexually Transmitted Diseases”

The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine determined that the management and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases by Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners may include treatment of male partners or male clients as an extension of care of female clients under the requirements of 18 VAC 90-30-120 (B), Regulations Governing the Practice of Nurse Practitioners.

Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners who treat male clients for sexually transmitted diseases must have authorization for and have received specific training in such practice, as documented in the written or electronic practice agreement between the nurse practitioner and the collaborating patient care team physician. In addition, any prescription written for sexually transmitted diseases shall be issued for a medicinal therapeutic purpose to a person with whom the practitioner has a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship, in accordance with § 54.1-3303 of the Code of Virginia.