

CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Minor Office Procedures

After a review of the training, education, and practice of NDs, the consultants reached consensus regarding procedures which, when performed by competent, properly trained NDs, present low risk to patients. The procedures listed below are recommended to be able to be performed by NDs without MD supervision:

- Prescribe and administer local anesthetic solutions, their adjuncts and diluents (topical and injected)
- Removal of clinically benign skin lesions
- Repair of skin lacerations (including suturing)
- Removal of superficial tissue foreign bodies or lesions
- Incision and drainage of abscess / trephination of subungual hematoma

The Act already allows for the "removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues" (Section 3640(c)(6)). The Act would need to be amended to allow NDs to perform the other four procedures recommended by the consultants.

Laboratory Testing

It is recommended that statutory changes be made in order to allow NDs to be able to perform the clinical laboratory tests authorized by Section 3640 of the Act.