7.8: Key Takeaways

The key takeaways of this chapter are:

- Expanding the scope of practice for RNs to include prescribing medications such as vaccines is meant to improve access to care and better address population health needs.
- As of September 2019, the CNO has created a draft regulation for RN prescribing that, once passed by the government, will enable RNs to prescribe certain medications to their clients.
- RN prescribing in Ontario will not be an entry-to-practice level competency for RNs in the general class; practicing RNs will be required to complete additional CNO-approved education programs before being authorized to prescribe.
- Vaccines will be among the medications that authorized Ontario RN prescribers may prescribe to their clients.
- When prescribing vaccines, health professionals are accountable for ensuring they are competent to prescribe vaccines in a safe, effective, and ethical manner.