

## **POLICY – PO800**

### **Health Support Services in School Settings**

---

Area: Student Services  
Source: Superintendent of Education – Student Services

Approved: December 8, 2014  
Revised:

---

#### **1. Introduction**

The Durham Catholic District School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide opportunities for student success that are rooted in Gospel values, compassion and inclusion.

#### **2. Definitions**

**Injection of medications** – the introduction (a liquid, especially a drug) into the body with a syringe.

**Catheterization** – insertion of a catheter into the body. Common types of this procedure include cardiac catheterization, in which a catheter is inserted into the heart through a vein in the arm to diagnose heart disease, and urinary bladder catheterization, in which a catheter is inserted into the urethra to permit urine to flow out of the urinary bladder.

**Manual expression of bladder** – attempted voiding of urine from the bladder by manual pressure such as Credé. Credé is a method of applying suprapubic pressure to express urine from the bladder.

**Stoma** – a stoma is a surgically created opening in the body.

**Postural drainage and suctioning** – a therapeutic technique for drainage, used in bronchiectasis and lung abscess, in which the patient is placed head downward so that the trachea is down and below the affected area.

**Tube feeding** – the administration of nutritionally balanced liquefied foods or nutrients through a tube inserted into the esophagus, stomach, duodenum, or jejunum. The conditions for which tube feeding is administered include following mouth or gastric surgery, in severe burns, in paralysis or obstruction of the esophagus, in severe cases of anorexia nervosa, and for unconscious patients or those unable to chew or swallow.

**Changing of bags and dressing if required, for continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD)** – continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) is done to remove wastes, chemicals and extra fluid from your body. During CAPD, a liquid called dialysate is put into the abdomen through a catheter (thin tube). The dialysate pulls wastes, chemicals, and extra fluid from the blood through the peritoneum. The peritoneum is a thin lining on the inside of your abdomen. The peritoneum works like a filter as the wastes are pulled through it. The process of filling and emptying the abdomen with dialysate is called an exchange. Exchanges may be done 3 to 5 times during the day, and once during the night.

**Physiotherapy** – the treatment of disease, injury or deformity by physical methods such as massage, heat treatment, and exercise rather than by drugs or surgery.

**Occupational therapy** – use of particular activities as an aid to recuperation from physical or mental illness.

**Speech therapy** – training to help people with speech and language difficulties to speak more clearly.

**Other procedures** – other procedures necessary to allow the child to remain in the school setting.

### 3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to develop a framework for implementing the associated administrative procedure to support system leaders and affected students.

### 4. Application / Scope

This policy applies to all schools and students from Junior Kindergarten to grade twelve.

### 5. Principles

5.1 The Board believes that:

- a) working in partnership with community health services supports the principles of the Catholic Graduate Expectations;

- b) the promotion of the physical, spiritual and mental health of students is crucial to student success and building relationships between home, school and the parish community.

## **6. Requirements**

- 6.1 Prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> annually, the school principal shall meet with the school's Program Support Teacher in consultation with the Board's Student Services department and School Support Services Case Manager in our jurisdiction to discuss students who received Health Support Services in prior years. The purpose of this meeting/consultation will be to share any progress modifications and training requirements for the upcoming year.
- 6.2 Principals and staff will familiarize themselves with the 'Model for Provision of School Health Support Services' resource, the 'Referral for School Health Support Services' referral form, and the related required procedures located in the associated administrative procedure (AP800-1).

## **7. Sources**

- 7.1 PPM81: Model for Provision of School Health Support Services – Ministry of Education

## **8. Related Policies and Administrative Procedures**

- 8.1 Health Support Services in School Settings (AP800-1)