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# RN First Call and Remote Nursing Assessment DST Revision Summary

| DST Publication # | DST Name | Initial Publication Date |
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| DST-101<br>DST-102<br>DST-201<br>DST-202<br>DST-401<br>DST-402<br>DST-501 | Eye Assessment: Adult<br>Eye Assessment: Pediatric<br>Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Adult<br>Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Pediatric<br>Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Adult<br>Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Pediatric<br>GI-GU Assessment: Adult | April 2021 |
| **Revision Approved by Steering Committee** | **Revised DST Effective Date** | **Next Review Date** |
| April 10th 2023 | April 17th 2023 | RN First Call and Remote Nursing assessment documents are currently being streamlined. A full content revision will be scheduled accordingly. |

## Summary of Revisions

Minor editorial changes have been made to clarify the conditions within the scope of practice that Registered Nurses can manage with certified practice designation in RN First Call and Remote Nursing.

The assessment DST document numbers have been revised to differentiate DSTs for each certified practice designation, with the addition of letters 'FC' (First Call) and ' 'REM' (Remote Nursing) to clearly delineate between assessment DSTs for each certified practice area.

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| RN First Call<br><br>Formerly: DST-101 Eye Assessment: Adult | The following has been removed in the opening paragraph on page 1:<br><br>*Nurses with Remote Nursing Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following eye conditions:*<br>• *Conjunctivitis*<br>• *Minor corneal abrasion*<br><br>This has been replaced with:<br><br>*Nurses with RN First Call Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following eye conditions:*<br>• *Conjunctivitis*<br>• *Minor corneal abrasion* | Removing reference to Remote Nursing in RN First Call DSTs will enhance clarity and mitigate risks of scope of practice misinterpretation. |

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| | The letters 'FC' (First Call) have been added to the DST document number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-101 Eye Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| <u>RN First Call</u><br><br>Formerly: DST-102 Eye Assessment: Pediatric | The following has been removed in the opening paragraph on page 1:<br><br>*Nurses with Remote Nursing Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following eye conditions:*<br><br>&bull; *Conjunctivitis in children 6 months of age and older*<br>&bull; *Minor corneal abrasion in children 2 years of age and older*<br><br>This has been replaced with:<br><br>*Nurse with RN First Call Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following eye conditions:*<br><br>&bull; *Conjunctivitis in children 6 months of age and older*<br>&bull; *Minor corneal abrasion in children 2 years of age and older* | Removing reference to Remote Nursing in RN First Call DSTs will enhance clarity and mitigate risks of scope of practice misinterpretation. |
| | The letters 'FC' (First Call) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-102 Eye Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |

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| <u>RN First Call</u><br><br>Formerly: DST-201 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Adult | The following has been removed in the opening paragraph on page 1:<br><br>*Nurses with Remote Nursing Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following ear, nose and throat conditions:*<br><br>• *Acute otitis media*<br>• *Ceruminosis*<br>• *Dental abscess*<br>• *Pharyngitis*<br><br>This has been replaced with:<br><br>*Nurses with RN First Call Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following ear, nose and throat conditions:*<br><br>• *Acute otitis media*<br>• *Dental abscess*<br>• *Pharyngitis* | Removing reference to Remote Nursing in RN First Call DSTs will enhance clarity and mitigate risks of scope of practice misinterpretation.<br><br>Ceruminosis is not a condition within the scope of practice of Certified Practice Registered Nurses with an RN First Call designation. |
| | The letters 'FC' (First Call) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-201 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| <u>RN First Call</u><br><br>Formerly: DST-202 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Pediatric | The following has been removed in the opening paragraph on page 1:<br><br>*Nurses with Remote Nursing Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following ear, nose and throat conditions:*<br><br>• *Acute otitis media in children 6 months of age and older*<br>• *Pharyngitis in children 1 year of age and older*<br><br>This has been replaced with: | Removing reference to Remote Nursing in RN First Call DSTs will enhance clarity and mitigate risks of scope of practice misinterpretation. |

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| | *Nurses with RN First Call Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following ear, nose and throat conditions:*<br><br>• *Acute otitis media in children 6 months of age and older*<br>• *Pharyngitis in children 1 year of age and older* | |
| | The letters 'FC' (First Call) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-202 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| <u>RN First Call</u><br><br>Formerly: DST-401 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Adult | The following has been removed in the opening paragraph on page 1:<br><br>*Nurses with Remote Nursing Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following cardio-respiratory condition:*<br><br>• *Acute bronchitis*<br><br>This has been replaced with:<br><br>*Nurses with RN First Call Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to conduct an assessment, make nursing diagnoses, implement nursing interventions, and provide education. RN(C)s with RN First Call Certified Practice designation cannot diagnose cardio-respiratory medical conditions and must consult with and/or refer to a physician or NP as appropriate.* | Bronchitis is not a condition within the scope of practice of the RN First Call Certified Practice designation. Removing reference to Remote Nursing will enhance clarity and mitigate risks of scope of practice misinterpretation. |
| | The letters 'FC' (first call) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-401 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |

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| RN First Call<br><br>Formerly: DST-402 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Pediatric | The letters 'FC' (First Call) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-402 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| RN First Call<br><br>Formerly: DST-501 GI-GU Assessment: Adult | The following has been removed in the opening paragraph on page 1:<br><br>*Nurses with Remote Nursing Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following genitourinary conditions:*<br><br>&bull; *Lower Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)*<br><br>This has been replaced with:<br><br>*Nurses with RN First Call Certified Practice designation (RN(C)s) are able to manage the following genitourinary conditions*:<br><br>&bull; *Lower Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) (adult only)* | Removing reference to Remote Nursing in RN First Call DSTs will enhance clarity and mitigate risks of scope of practice misinterpretation. |
| | The letters 'FC' (First Call) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-FC-402 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First call and Remote Nursing. |
| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly: DST-101 Eye Assessment: Adult | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-101 Eye Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |

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| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly: DST-101 Eye Assessment: Pediatric | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-101 Eye Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly: DST-201 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Adult | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-201 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly: DST-202 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Pediatric | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-202 Ear, Nose, Throat Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly: DST-401 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Adult | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-401 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly: DST-402 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Pediatric | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-402 Cardio-Respiratory Assessment: Pediatric* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |
| Remote Nursing<br><br>Formerly DST-501 GI-GU Assessment: Adult | The letters 'REM' (remote) have been added to the DST number to read:<br><br>*DST-REM-501 GI-GU Assessment: Adult* | To increase clarity by differentiating between assessment DSTs for RN First Call and Remote Nursing. |