Canadian Community Health Nursing Professional Practice Model and Standards of Practice (2019): A summary of changes

Standards of practice define the scope and depth of community health nursing practice in Canada

How were the standards revised?
Scoping review of literature, focus groups and modified Delphi Method

Who was involved with the changes?
- CHNC Standards Review Advisory Committee
- Workgroups (Consultation Conference, Scoping Review, Delphi Survey)
- Almost 500 community health nurses from across Canada who completed the survey

What is new?
1. There is ONE NEW Standard of Practice.

2011 Standards:
1. Health Promotion
2. Prevention and Health Protection
3. Health Maintenance, Restoration and Palliation
4. Professional Relationships
5. Capacity Building
6. Access and Equity
7. Professional Responsibility and Accountability

2019 Revised Standards:
1. Health Promotion
2. Prevention and Health Protection
3. Health Maintenance, Restoration and Palliation
4. Professional Relationships
5. Capacity Building
6. Health Equity (new name)
7. Evidence Informed Practice
8. Professional Responsibility and accountability

2. There are NEW practice expectations for:
- Cultural safety
- Cultural humility
- Indigenous ways of knowing
- Levels of prevention
- Disease management
- Critical appraisal
- Knowledge translation
- Interprofessional competencies
- Quality improvement

3. The INTEGRATION of Canadian Community Health Nursing Professional Practice Model Graphic.
- In addition to the description of the 13 components, the graphic of the model is now included.

4. UPDATING OF APPENDICES, including new information on determinants of health, addition of the Glossary, and updating of the model Relationship of Standards/Competencies to Community Health Nurses.

Canadian Community Health Nursing Professional Practice Model & Standards of Practice is also available on Community Health Nurses of Canada website.