

INJECTIONS BY TRAINED INDIVIDUALS NOW ALLOWED

A much misunderstood subject for many years has been clarified as to whom a physician may delegate the giving of medication, especially by injection. This year the General Assembly passed law that authorizes delegation to properly trained individuals, beyond the previously listed professionals. The new law reads as follows:

§54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners.

T. Pursuant to a specific order for a patient and under his direct and immediate supervision, a prescriber may authorize the administration of controlled substances by personnel who have been properly trained to assist a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, provided the method does not include intravenous, intrathecal, or epidural administration and the prescriber remains responsible for such administration. □