

Change of Scope of Practice of Healthcare Professionals in BE's

The Austrian Experience

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Austrian Experience in changing scope of practice

Content

Provide an overview and some background as to how the changing scope of practice has been applied in the Austrian Red Cross

- Austrian Experience in changing scope of practice: pros and cons
- Rational for changing scope of practice –from physician to nurses and any other changes you intend to do in the future
- Issues encountered at national level: legislation, trade union in transferring responsibilities
- Issues encountered at BE level (change the QS system: training, relationship with donors)
- Changes implemented
- Economy scale?
- Need to change the national law? (maybe a bit of context on the type of healthcare system in Austria would be useful)
- Educational programme?
- Trust donors vis-a-vis nurses/doctors
- Any other healthcare professionals might be in the radar in the future

Austrian Experience in changing scope of practice

The initial situation before 2019

MDs were required for assessing the eligibility of each individual blood donor

Sustained difficulties in recruiting MDs

Cancellation of about 100 blood drives due to shortages of personell

Pros and cons for changing scope of practice

Transferring responsibilities from MDs to nurses

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Proposal for changing scope of practice

Adapting legislation for transferring responsibilities

Position paper and proposal

- current legal situation on blood donations and safety
- overview over the situation in other countries
- legal situation regarding the authorization of nurses
- blood safety
- donor safety – serious adverse events in donors
- outlook lack of MDs

Requirements for changing scope of practice

Legislation and other issues for transferring responsibilities

legislation	Blood Safety Law Blood Donor Regulation
technical specifications	medical donor questionnaire lists of medical, geographical and drug related deferrals
qualification requirements	Recommendations for a training curriculum for nurses SOPs practical training

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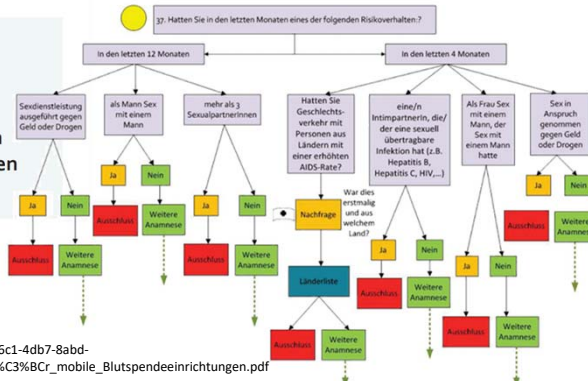
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Standardized algorithm

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Changes within the BEs

procedures	SOPs on-call MDs
qualifications	apply recommendations for nurse training curriculum practical training overcome discomfort in nurses
communication	public perception overcome discomfort in donors
miscellaneous	e.g., periodic assessment of donors >65a by physicians

Changing scope of practice

Changes implemented ● ● ●

legislation	● Blood Safety Law	Sept 2019
	● Blood Donor Regulation	Dec. .2019
technical specifications	● medical donor questionnaire	
	● algorithm	
	● lists of medical, geographical and drug related deferrals	
qualification requirements	● Recommendations for a training curriculum for nurses	
	● practical training	
	● SOPs	

Thank you for your attention

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Further information:

Republic of Austria. Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Services/News-und-Events/Archiv-2019/Dezember-2019/Blutspenderverordnung-bringt-neuen-Anamnesebogen.html>

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