

**EXAMPLE #1**

**(This is only an example compiled from various specialties. The APRN and collaborating physician should review the prescribing protocols to ensure that they are relevant to the patient population and the APRN's education and certification.)**

**PRESCRIBING PROTOCOLS  
FOR THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE**

Prescribing of Controlled Substances is Limited to Schedules III – V Only  
Any Over-the-Counter Medications May Be Prescribed

<b>NEUROLOGIC/PSYCHIATRIC</b>	
Neuropathy, Pain, Seizure Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Epilepsy, Trigeminal Neuralgia, Bell's Palsy, Cranial Nerve Disorders, Narcolepsy, Anxiety, Depression, Delirium, Insomnia, Anticipatory Grieving	Anticonvulsants, Muscle Relaxants, Analgesics, Antidepressants, Topical Anesthetics, Anxiolytics, Antipsychotics, Sedatives, Hypnotics, Antihistamines, Anti-Parkinson Agents, Dopaminergics, Benzodiazepines
<b>RESPIRATORY</b>	
COPD, Asthma, Cough, Pneumonia, Infection (actual or suspected), Bronchitis, Allergic/Hypersensitivity Conditions, Hypoventilation Syndrome, Interstitial Lung Diseases, Pleural Effusions, Sleep Apnea	Bronchodilators, Steroids, Epinephrine, Antimicrobials, Expectorants, Mucolytic Agents, Leukotriene Modifiers, Mast-Cell Stabilizers, Sympathomimetics, Antimuscarinics, Methylxanthines, Anticholinergics, NSAIDs, Cromolyn, Nedrocromil, Calcium Channel Blockers, Antitussives, Diuretics, Cytotoxic Agents, CPAP, BiPAP, VPAP, Oxygen/Delivery Devices, Spacer, Nebulizer, Peak Flow Meter, Flutter Valve, Hyposensitization Therapy (per physician plan), Pulse Oximetry, Pulmonary Diagnostic Testing
<b>ENT</b>	
Allergic Rhinitis, Epistaxis, Nasal Congestion/Dryness, Postnasal Drip, Dry Eye, Stomatitis, Oral Candidiasis, Infection (actual or suspected)	Antimicrobial Agents, Antihistamines, Decongestants, Nasal Steroids, Saline Nasal Spray, Artificial Tears, Leukotriene Inhibitor, Bradford's Mouthwash
<b>CARDIOVASCULAR</b>	
Dysrhythmias/Conduction Defects, HTN, Hypotension, Heart Failure, CAD, Cardiomyopathy, Valvular Heart Disease, Valve Replacement, PVD, Pulmonary HTN, DVT, PE, Raynaud's, Hyperlipidemia	Antihypertensives, Antilipemics, Antiarrhythmics, Vasodilators, Antiplatelets, Anticoagulants, Antiplatelets, Antithrombotics, Vasodilators, Cardiac Glycosides, Electrolyte Agents, Antilipidemic Agents, Antidepressants, Hydrofludrocortisone, Alpha Agonists, Compression Stockings/Devices, Diuretics, Oxygen

<b><u>HEMATOLOGY</u></b>	
Anemia, Thrombotic Disorders, Hypocoaguable States, Hypercoaguable Conditions (i.e., DVT, PE)	Iron preparations, Vitamin Supplements, Vitamin K, Blood Products, Erythropoetic agents, Anticoagulants, Antithrombolytics, Antiplatelets
<b><u>ENDOCRINE</u></b>	
Diabetes, Adrenal Insufficiency, Hypo/Hyperglycemia, Hypo/Hyperthyroidism	Antidiabetic Agents, Insulin, Corticosteroids, Thyroid Agents, Glucometers, Test Strips, Lancets, Insulin Syringes
<b><u>DERMATOLOGY</u></b>	
Skin Disorders Rashes, Dermatitis, Psoriasis, Eczema, Seborrhea	Corticosteroids, Antimicrobials, Analgesics, Antihistamines, Antiparasitics, Antipruritics, Lubricants, Wound Care Supplies, Shampoos Containing Cold Tar, Salicylic Acid, Selenium Sulfide
<b><u>MSK</u></b>	
Osteoporosis, Gout, Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis	Anti-inflammatories, NSAIDs, Analgesics, Steroids, Calcium Replacement Agents, Biphosphonates/Bone Resorption Inhibitors, Antigout Medications, Antimicrobials, Muscle Relaxants, Rheumatoid Agents, Mobility Assistive Devices
<b><u>GASTROINTESTINAL</u></b>	
Nausea/Vomiting, Gastritis, GI Prophylaxis, PUD, GERD, Constipation, Bowel Prep, Enteritis, Gastroparesis, Ileus, IBS, Functional Bowel Disorders, Acute Pancreatitis, Hepatitis	Antiemetics, Antacids, Stool Softeners/Laxatives, Cathartics, Enemas, PPI, H2 Blockers, Antimicrobials, Analgesics, Antiparasitics, Antidiarrheals, Probiotics, Antispasmodics, Pancreatic Enzymes, Ostomy Supplies
<b><u>UROLOGY</u></b>	
Incontinence, ED, BPH, UTI	Anticholinergics, Alpha 1 Adrenergic Blockers, Alpha 1A Antagonist, Type I / II 5 Alpha-Reductase Inhibitor, Analgesics, Antimicrobials, Phosphodiesterase Type 5 Inhibitors, Muscarinic Antagonist
<b><u>OTHER:</u></b>	
Nicotine Dependence	Nicotine Replacement Products, Chantix, Bupropion, Benzodiazepines
Health Promotion / Disease Prevention	Immunizations, Nutritional Supplements, Smoking Cessation Aids, Durable Medical Equipment
Diagnostic Testing	Diagnostic Agents
Electrolyte, Caloric, Water, & Acid-Base Imbalances	Acidifying Agents, Alkalinizing Agents, Replacement Agents, Ion-Removing Agents, Caloric Agents, Salt /

	Sugar Substitutes, Diuretics, IV Fluids
Nutrition / Malnutrition / Anorexia	Nutritional Supplements, Megace, Dexamethasone
Fever & Fever of Unknown Origin	Antipyretics, Antibiotics
Infections: Bacterial, Fungal, Viral, Parasitic Prevention of Infection	Antimicrobials, Antifungals, Antiparasitics, Antiprotozoals, Antihelmintics, Antivirals, Immunoglobulin, Immunizations

**Date Adopted**

**Dates Reviewed/Updated & Initial (must be yearly):**


**APRN Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician/s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
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