

**MONTANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING (MBON)**  
**SCOPE OF PRACTICE DECISION-MAKING MODEL UPDATED 7-2008**

**2. Is the act specifically permitted or prohibited by the MBON laws, rules or declaratory rulings?**

*If no: and it is expressly prohibited, STOP.  
 If yes: go to Step 5.  
 If you are unsure or it isn't specified, go to Step 3.*

**3. Does the act require you to have substantial specialized nursing knowledge or skill, does it require education beyond basic education for licensure & independent judgment?**

*If no: the act may be within the scope of practice for an RN or LPN.  
 If yes: it may be an act within the scope of practice for an RN or APRN.*

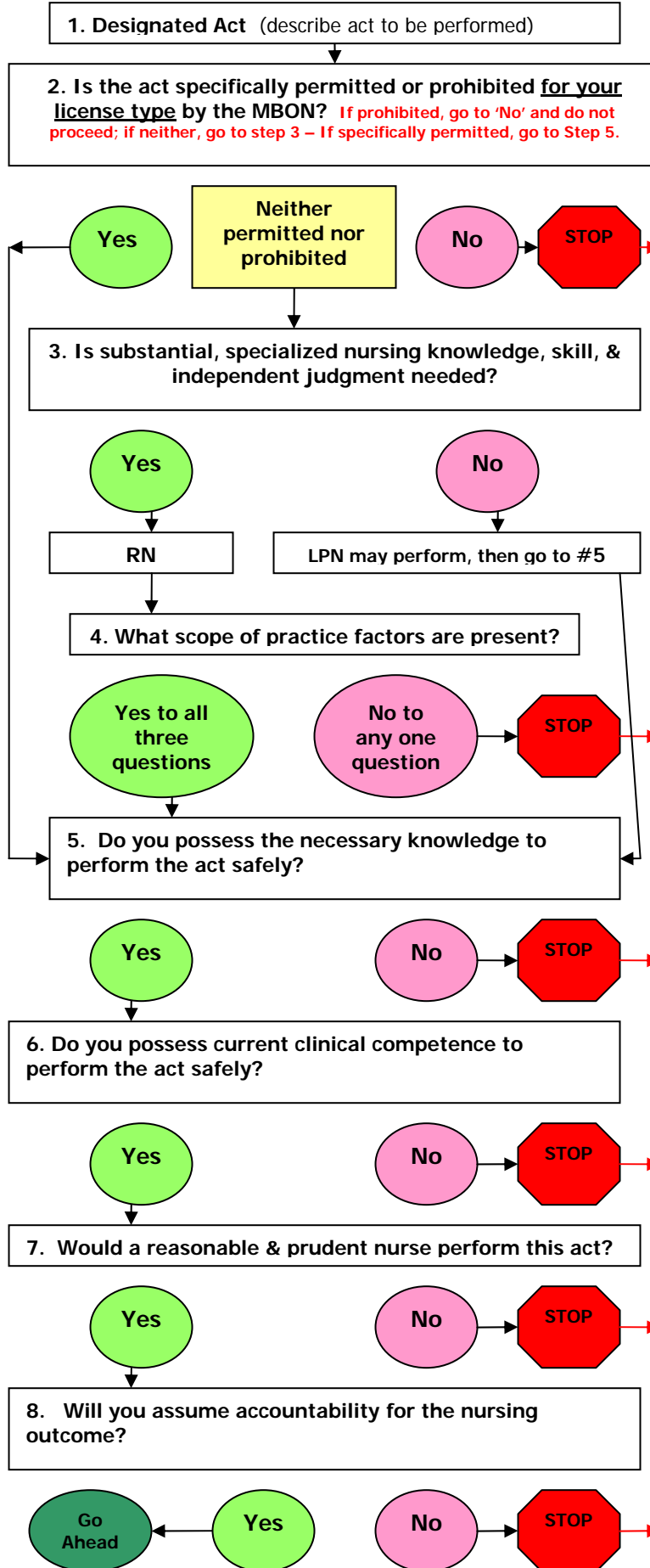
**4. Is the act consistent with the scope of practice based on the following factors?**

- a. Is the act included in a national nursing organization's specialty standards of practice?*
- b. Is the act supported by nursing literature & quality research?*
- c. Is there an appropriately established policy & procedure in place in the employing facility that allows this act to be performed by an RN?*

*You must answer 'yes' to all of these scope of practice questions in order to proceed to #5.*

**5. Do you personally possess the depth and breadth of knowledge to perform the act safely & effectively?**

*If no: the act may be within your scope of practice, but you do not have the knowledge base to perform it  
 If yes: continue to next question*



**6. Do you personally possess current, documented clinical competence to perform the act safely?**

*If no: the act may be within your scope of practice, but you do not have the documented competence to perform the act  
 If yes: continue on*

**7. Is the performance of the act within the accepted "standard of care" which would be provided in similar circumstances by reasonable & prudent nurses who have similar education and experience?**

*If no: the act should not be performed – performance of the act may place both the nurse & patient at risk  
 If yes: continue on*

Anytime you hit **STOP**, defer to qualified professional **AND CONTACT THE MBON OFFICE**  
 (406) 841-2332 or  
 (406) 841-2342

**8. Are you prepared to accept the consequences of your actions?**

*If no: the act should not be performed – performance of the act may place both the nurse & patient at risk*

*If yes:  
 a. perform the act per valid order if necessary, & in accordance with established policy & procedure/standards of care  
 b. assume accountability for provision of safe & effective nursing care*