



## Standard of Practice - Specialty Care

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*This standard of practice is to support the PSW in providing safe, respectful and effective personal care to the public population in a dignified and ethical approach. Standards of Practice outline the expectations of the PSW and their responsibility in the delivery of care.*

### **Oxygen Administration**

The PSW may assist the nurse, respiratory therapist or physiotherapist in positioning for postural drainage.

As a PSW, you do not administer oxygen. The RN / RPN and Respiratory Therapist are responsible for starting and maintaining a person(s) oxygen therapy. A PSW provides safe care to person(s) receiving oxygen. Check with facility policy or with your employer regarding the delegation of adjusting a flow rate for oxygen.

### ***Always be aware of your Scope of Practice***

**PSW - Personal Support Worker**

**RN/RPN - Registered Nurse/ Registered Practical Nurse**

**RHPA - Regulated Health Professions Act**

**ADLs - Activities of daily living**

Resources - Sheila A. Sorrentino, PhD, RN, Leighann Remmert, MS, RN and Mary J. Wilk, RN, GNC(C), BA, BScN, MN, Mosby's Canadian Textbook for the Support Worker, 3rd Edition