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OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM REGULATIONS**

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN CONSOLIDATIONS

Miscellaneous

c.	means "chapter".
CIF	means "comes into force".
NIF	means "not in force".
s.	means "section" or "sections", "subsection" or "subsections", "paragraph" or "paragraphs".
Sch.	means "schedule".

Citation of Acts

R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.D-22	means Chapter D-22 of the <i>Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988</i> .
R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.10(Supp.)	means Chapter 10 of the Supplement to the <i>Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988</i> . (Note: The Supplement is in three volumes.)
S.N.W.T. 1996,c.26	means Chapter 26 of the 1996 Annual Volume of the Statutes of the Northwest Territories.
S.Nu. 2002,c.14	means Chapter 14 of the 2002 Annual Volume of the Statutes of Nunavut.

Citation of Regulations and other Statutory Instruments

R.R.N.W.T. 1990,c.A-1	means Chapter A-1 of the <i>Revised Regulations of the Northwest Territories, 1990</i> .
R-005-98	means the regulation registered as R-005-98 in 1998. (Note: This is a Northwest Territories regulation if it is made before April 1, 1999, and a Nunavut regulation if it is made on or after April 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2000.)
R-012-2003	means the regulation registered as R-012-2003 in 2003. (Note: This is a Nunavut regulation made on or after January 1, 2000.)
SI-005-98	means the instrument registered as SI-005-98 in 1998. (Note: This is a Northwest Territories statutory instrument if it is made before April 1, 1999, and a Nunavut statutory instrument if it is made on or after April 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2000.)
SI-012-2003	means the instrument registered as SI-012-2003 in 2003. (Note: This is a Nunavut statutory instrument made on or after January 1, 2000.)

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1. In these regulations,

“nurse” means

- (a) a nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or temporary certificate holder as defined in the *Nursing Act*;
- (b) a person who holds a license under the *Licensed Practical Nurses Act*; or
- (c) a person who is entitled to be employed as a nurse under either Act. (*infirmier ou infirmière*)

"registered midwife" means a registered midwife as defined in section 1 of the *Midwifery Profession Act*; (*sage-femme autorisée*)

2. (1) A medical practitioner, nurse, or registered midwife attending at the birth of a child or, where none of the above are attending, any person acting under the instructions of a medical practitioner, nurse, or registered midwife, shall instil into each conjunctival sac of the child such dosage of 0.5% erythromycin base ophthalmic ointment as will be sufficient, without injury to the child, to kill any germs that might cause ophthalmia neonatorum.

(2) The treatment required by this section must be made within one hour after delivery of the child or as soon after delivery as is reasonably practicable.

3. The *Ophthalmia Neonatorum Regulations*, R.R.N.W.T. 1990, c.P-20, are repealed.

4. **These regulations come into force on the same day as section 85 of the Act comes into force, or if it is already in force, on the day these regulations are registered by the Registrar of Regulations.**