

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
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OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM REGULATIONS

The Commissioner, on the recommendation of the Minister, under section 85 of the *Public Health Act*, S.Nu. 2016,c.13, and every enabling power, makes the annexed *Ophthalmia Neonatorum Regulations*.

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 The *Ophthalmia Neonatorum Regulations*, R.R.N.W.T. 1990,c.P-20, are repealed.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