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**Date:** December 22, 2016

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| **To:** | * Alberta Health Services – Dave Bilan, VP Collaborative Practice, Nursing & Health Professions (Interim) * Covenant Health – Lynn Klein, Director, Professional Practice, Research & Libraries * Covenant Health – Sheli Murphy, Senior Operating Officer, Rural Services * Canadian Nurses Association * United Nurses of Alberta – Heather Smith, President * Faculties and Colleges of Nursing – Deans and Directors * Specialty Practice Groups – Presidents |

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**From:** Penny Davis, RN, MN – Policy and Practice Consultant

**Re: *Guidelines for Medication and Vaccine Injection Safety* (December, 2016)**

CARNA Provincial Council has approved the joint document ***Guidelines for Medication and Vaccine Injection Safety (December*, 2016)** at the December Provincial Council meeting. The document was created in collaboration with the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta and the Alberta College of Pharmacists.

We periodically review our documents with members and stakeholder involvement to ensure that it:

* is evidence informed,
* aligns with best practices, and
* addresses changing societal needs, values, and conditions that impact registered nurses in their practice.

Thank you to all those that were involved in this process!

The document is attached for your information and can also be accessed by [clicking here](http://www.nurses.ab.ca/content/dam/carna/pdfs/DocumentList/Guidelines/vaccine-injection-safety-guidelines_Dec2016.pdf).

For further information on this document, please contact CARNA at 1-800-252-9392. All CARNA documents are available on our website: [www.nurses.ab.ca](http://www.nurses.ab.ca).