



Janet Napolitano
Governor

Joey Ridenour
Executive Director

Arizona State Board of Nursing

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES August 29, 2006

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Pat Johnson, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

I. Introductions

Pat Johnson asked all guests and Scope of Practice members to state their name.

II. Review and approval of the June 6, 2006 meeting minutes

No changes were made. A motion was made by Kathy Adamson and seconded by Jeannette Sasmor to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

III. Advisory Opinions reviewed by the Board at the July 2006 meeting

Pat Johnson discussed why the Board did not approve the draft advisory opinion on Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) Tube Placement: Role of the Registered Nurse. The Board felt the role of the RN in this setting was not an independent function, and is considered a part of the endoscopy nurse's role, under the supervision of a physician.

IV. Terminology to use in Advisory Opinions

Kathy Adamson presented a revised list of definitions. The committee suggested that the title be changed to "Working Document for Scope of Practice Committee with Guidelines to Provide Consistent Terminology and Format in Advisory Opinions." It was decided that the list should not include definitions that are already in the Nurse Practice Act and other sources but focus the list on phrases/wording used in an advisory opinion as Adamson identified under rationale. No suggestions were made for additional definitions that should be considered for inclusion in the statutes or rules.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

- Revise working document for further discussion on 11/28/06 – Kathy Adamson and Anita Fijalka

V. Review of proposed advisory opinion

A. Palliative Sedation at End of Life

Kathy Pollard presented the draft for discussion. There was discussion on whether input should be requested from the Board of Medical Examiners or Department of Health Services. Another aspect discussed was why the South Dakota board of Nursing had rescinded their position statement on the Administration of Propofol (Diprivan) by the RN dated 7/4. The committee suggested deleting the sentence of the draft which described other terminology utilized for palliative sedation. It was noted that JCAHO does not identify specific medications to be used for moderate or deep sedation.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

- Discuss draft advisory opinion with the Executive Director and obtain feedback on the need to discuss with BOMEX or ADHS – Judy Bontrager
- Obtain information from South Dakota regarding their reason for rescinding position statement – Kathy Pollard
- Discuss at 11/28/06 SOP meeting

VI. Holding Medications for Dialysis - FAQ

Donna Heitmann reported that there was no local Chapter of Nephrology Nurses that she could discuss this issue. However, she did speak with a nephrologist, Pat Midkiff and others. After Heitmann's input, the committee agreed that a written order is essential and should be the standard of practice when medications are held for dialysis. Kristin Schmidt noted that holding medications for the dialysis patient becomes such a practice that nurses don't question it, even if it is a "community standard" to hold medications. Kathy Miller noted that it is taken for granted (to hold medications) and orders are not written. The committee decided to put this into a FAQ format.

Recommendations/ actions taken/responsible for:

- Compose FAQ and response to the question – Donna Heitmann, Kristin Schmidt, Claudette Rodstrom

VII. Paramedic role in acute care settings

Kathy Miller discussed how paramedics are being hired in some emergency departments as a tech. The job descriptions/role of a tech differ from the training of a paramedic resulting in less utilization of their education. Donna Heitmann stated that doctors and nurses need to acknowledge the paramedic role and allow them to do the skills they were trained for, whether in the field or in an acute care setting.

Guest speaker Brenda Sutton, was present to discuss training the paramedics receive through Phoenix College. Sutton emphasized the fact that they must work under a medical director. At this time there is no specific curriculum or defined role for paramedics who work in hospitals. They are set up for failure when they are hired by a hospital as a tech and then practice beyond the scope of a tech. Sutton stated the paramedic curriculum is the national curriculum developed by the Department of Transportation. It consists of 1,000 hours, 500 didactic and 500 clinical and vehicular training. They are required to have a certain number of patient assessments, intubations,

etc. Sutton clarified that all pre-hospital caregivers are called EMT's. The levels of EMT's are basic, intermediate and paramedics. Paramedics take a written and practical National Standard Test for certification. For recertification, they are required to have 60 hours of continuing education and ACLS after two years. Emphasis was made that RN's can not delegate to paramedics. This can be done only by a Board Certified Emergency Physician.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

- Develop response for the Board regarding the Scope of Practice Committee's thoughts on the role of the paramedic in acute care settings – Kristin Schmidt, Kathy Miller, Donna Heitmann

VIII. LPN's changing supra pubic catheters

Heide Johnson stated that her director of nursing had asked her to seek the input of the Scope of Practice Committee regarding LPNs changing supra pubic catheters in the home health setting. Johnson noted that LPNs have been performing this task and no concerns/problems have been reported. Johnson stated that Louisiana and Florida Board's of Nursing have it listed as a skill for LPNs.

A motion was made by Joan Olcott and seconded by Jeannette Sasmor to do a FAQ response.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Write response to question – Heide Johnson
- Post on the Board's web page under FAQ – Judy Bontrager

IX. Etomidate – Can an RN administer in a pre-hospital environment?

Jason Lin, RN, CEN, CORN, submitted this question and packet of information to the Scope of Practice Committee for consideration. Mr. Lin was present and stated that many air services are not using etomidate for rapid sequence intubation. Most air transportation flights are staffed with a paramedic and an RN. The paramedics have been approved to administer etomidate and it would be beneficial to have RN's be able to administer it as well. It was the opinion of the committee members that the administration of etomidate for RSI should be within the scope of practice of an appropriately trained RN. Mr. Lin also requested that the committee consider clarifying the skills that are currently listed on the Pre-Hospital Nursing Advisory Opinion.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Include this practice in the draft revision of pre-hospital nursing that is currently being revised. Consider clarification of the skill list listed in that advisory opinion. To the Scope of Practice Committee on 11/28/06 for review – Donna Heitmann, Susan Poole, Debra Henry

X. Removal of chest tubes

The Board has received questions recently regarding the removal of chest tubes, particularly mediastinal chest tubes. This subject was placed on the agenda for input and

discussion by the SOP Committee. Kimberly Eacott stated that RN's have been pulling mediastinal chest tubes according to their facility's policy. The committee members wish to have some research done on this subject and return to the 11/28/06 meeting for discussion.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Research literature/practices and make recommendation to the SOP Committee on 11/29/06 – Kimberly Eacott, Karen Stewart

XI. Review of current advisory opinions

A. Mediset

Recommendation to change the wording of licensed nurse to RN/LPN. References updated.

Motion by Susan Poole and seconded by Pat Johnson to take to the Board for approval.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Take to September Board – Judy Bontrager

B. Cervical ripening agents and prostaglandin suppositories

Jeannette Sasmor recommended the advisory opinion be separated into two opinions: one describing the RN scope of practice for induction of labor and one for the RN scope of practice for fetal demise. Sasmor indicated that in facilities she had contacted, the RN's were not administering cervical ripening agents for fetal demise.

Guest Amy Warengo, from Thunderbird Sam, spoke about her concern to change the opinion and take this out of the scope of practice for the RN to use with fetal demise. She reported that uterine rupture can occur in either uses. She stated that she conferred with her quality assurance department and they reported no adverse outcomes.

Motion was made by Kathy Adamson and seconded by Joan Olcott to maintain the same language for the first paragraph of the advisory opinion, update references, and take to the Board for approval.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Finalize changes that were recommended by the Scope of Practice Committee – Jeannette Sasmor
- Take to the Board for approval – Judy Bontrager

C. Sigmoidoscopy: flexible screening

Anita Fijalka stated that she called various facilities and all indicated this procedure is being done by physicians now for diagnostic purposes. Fijalka did state that 16 states allow RN's to do sigmoidoscopy flexible screening. She recommended no changes in the advisory opinion. Joan Olcott indicated she had read recently that a study was

done comparing finding in sigmoidoscopies done by RN's vs. physicians. This study indicated RN's had noted problems that had gone undetected by others.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Add date reviewed by the Scope of Practice Committee. (No need to take to the Board since no revisions were made.) – Judy Bontrager

D. Vaginal speculum exam and specimen collection

Anita Fijalka suggested minor changes to wording and updated the reference list.

Motion was made by Jeannette Sasmor and seconded by Kathy Adamson to take to the Board for approval; motion carried.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Take to the board for approval – Judy Bontrager

E. Apheresis in the out-patient setting

Susan Poole offered no suggestions for change. She will inquire to find more updated references.

Motion made by Jeannette Sasmor and seconded by Susan Poole to take to the Board when references are updated; motion carried.

Recommendation/actions taken/responsible for:

- Take to the Board for approval – Judy Bontrager

XII. Other

- Karen Stewart announced that Diane Tosev has been appointed as the School Nurse Specialist for the Department of Education.
- Announcement was made regarding the Board's open house which will be held November 17, 2006, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Claudette Rodstrom asked about the possibility of putting some pictures of ASBN offices on the web site so that persons who cannot attend would be able to visualize the new offices.

XIII. Assignments for review of additional advisory opinions

NOTE: Please submit all information for inclusion in the SOP packet to Judy Bontrager by November 10, 2006.

Last Revised	Advisory Opinion	Responsible Members	Date to Present to Committee
Proposed AO	1. Palliative Sedation at End of Life	Kathy Pollard Tina McConn Donna Heitmann	11/28/06
3/03	2. Pre-Hospital Nursing	Donna Heitmann Susan Poole Debra Henry	11/28/06
7/02	3. Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture by LPNs	Marla Moore Pat Johnson	11/28/06

Last Revised	Advisory Opinion	Responsible Members	Date to Present to Committee
		Heide Johnson Marianne Locke Judy Hayter Susan Poole Anita Fijalka	
1/03	4. Anesthetic Agents Administered by RN's for Limited Purposes: Airway Management & Peripheral Nerve Block	Vicki Buchda Christine Benoit	11/28/06
3/03	5. Assessment of Patient Conditions by the Professional Nurse	Robin Hayes Marianne Locke	11/28/06
3/03	6. Intrauterine/Intracervical Insemination	Robin Hayes Vicki Buchda	11/28/06
3/03	7. Intravenous Administration of contrast Media	Ann Earhart	11/28/06
3/03	8. Intubation: Endotracheal, Esophageal Gastric Airway, Esophageal Obturator Airway	Tina McConn Kimberly Eacott	11/28/06
3/03	9. Sheath Removal, Placement of Mechanical Compression Devices and Deployment of Extravascular Collagen Plugs	Tina McConn Kimberly Eacott	11/28/06
3/03	10. Supervision of LPNs by Registered Nurses	Patricia Johnson Heide Johnson Kathleen Pollard	11/28/06
3/03	11. Ultrasound: Therapeutic & OB/GYN Diagnostic	Robin Hayes	11/28/06
HOLD	Epidural Analgesia by Nurse Anesthetist		

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Minutes submitted to the Board 11/15/06

Minutes approved by the SOP Committee 11/28/2006

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Arizona State Board of Nursing**

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List of Attendees

SOP Committee Members

Kathy Adamson, RNC
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN
Anita Fijalka, LPN
Judith Hayter, LPN
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH
Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC
Heide Johnson, LPN
Patricia Johnson, LPN
Kathy Miller, RN, MSN
Joan Olcott, RN
Kathleen Pollard, MSN, RN, CHPN
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, MSA
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD
Kristin Schmidt, RN, MBA, CHE
Karen Stewart, RN, MSN

Guests

Ann Hoover – Maricopa Medical Center
Jason Lin – Eagle Air Med
Amy Warengo – Banner Health
Tiffany Bennett – Banner Health
Stacy Hayes – Arizona Spine & Joint
Brenda Sutton – Phoenix Fire Department