

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

June 6, 2006

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Pat Johnson, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

I. Introductions

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

II. Review and approval of the March 7, 2006 meeting minutes

No changes were made. A motion was made by Trista Campbell and seconded by Vicki Buchda to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

III. Review of Advisory Opinions approved by the Board in March 2006

No questions or discussion regarding the approved advisory opinions. Judy Bontrager did ask the committee for input relating to III.C. Orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Signing Off Orders. Question: What is the standard of practice for LPN's signing off orders in ambulatory care settings? The general consensus was that LPN's do sign off orders in ambulatory care settings as well as home health care, hospice and long term care settings.

IV. Terminology to use in an Advisory Opinion

Kathy Adamson presented the draft glossary, an ongoing working document intended to help provide consistency in developing advisory opinions. There was discussion about various definitions, what terms should be included, and what terms were actually pertinent to the initial intent of standardizing terminology in the advisory opinion.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

- Review the definitions currently included in the rules. – All
- Make recommendations for additional terms that the committee would recommend be included in the rules at time of revision. – All
- Revise draft document for further discussion on 8/29/06. – Kathy Adamson

V. Review of proposed advisory opinions

A. Anesthetic Agents Administered at End of Life

Kathy Pollard discussed the need for such an advisory opinion. Guest Barb Rubenstrunk, hospice nurse, gave some examples of patients who have suffered with terminal restlessness caused by pain and the agony that both the patient and family suffer. The committee discussed use of terms, i.e. terminal/palliative/total sedation vs. procedural/respite sedation. Marla Moore provided draft guidelines for palliative sedation in a non-ICU setting that her facility is developing. Questions were raised regarding view of the Medical Board, JCAHO's requirements and what Department of Health Services (DHS) addresses when they survey end of life agencies. A motion

was made by Jeannette Sasmor and seconded by Pat Johnson to gather information from the Medical Board, JCAHO and DHS to develop a second draft for review by the committee.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

Get input from Board of Medical Examiners, JCAHO, and DHS to develop second draft for review on 8/29/06. – Kathy Pollard and Tina McConn

B. Role of RN's in Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG)

Vicki Buchda reviewed the request from Mayo Clinic to have an advisory opinion permitting RN's to serve in the role of assisting a physician by either maintaining positioning of the endoscope or inserting the PEG tube during this procedure. Research shows four states currently have an advisory opinion stating this is within the scope of an RN, and five states permit the RN to reinsert a PEG tube. Guests Dr. Cuong Nguyen with Mayo Clinic and other endoscopic nurses from both Mayo and Scottsdale Healthcare spoke in support of the proposed advisory opinion. A motion was made by Marla Moore and seconded by Joan Olcott to submit the proposed advisory opinion to the board at their July 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

Take the proposed advisory opinion to the Board for approval at the July 2006 meeting. – Judy Bontrager

VI. Holding Medications for Dialysis - FAQ

Donna Heitmann reported that she had spoken with Helena Hoover with DHS, who did not feel this was a scope of practice issue. Joey Ridenour stated she viewed this as more of a standard of care issue vs. a standard of practice issue. The committee agreed this question (regarding the need for a physician's order to hold medication prior to dialysis) should be addressed with nephrology nurses who are familiar with the standards of care.

Recommendations/ actions taken/responsible for:

Get input from members of the State Chapter of Nephrology Nurses – Donna Heitmann and Trista Campbell

VII. Review of current advisory opinion

A. Pre-Hospital Nursing

Donna Heitmann introduced guests Sandi Espinoza, who is the Emergency Room Director at Payson Regional Medical Center, and Robinelle Schroder, Trauma Coordinator at Banner Samaritan Hospital. Espinoza presented some excellent information about issues of the RN practicing in the pre-hospital setting in rural areas, the RN's role in this setting, and the need for specialty certification for RN's in the pre-hospital setting. Both Espinoza and Schroder defined some of the problems/acceptance of RN's by some facilities when trauma patients are brought in by RN's. They both encouraged the committee to take a more in-depth look at what paramedics are competent to do, what is good for the patient, and who should be providing the care.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

Review the levels/roles of Emergency Medical technicians (EMT). – Donna

Heitmann and Sandi Espinoza

Invite a resource person who is knowledgeable of the EMT curriculums to present information to the SOP Committee. – Joan Olcott

Get information from the Department of Health Services regarding EMT roles. – Judy Bontrager

VIII. Paramedic role in acute care settings

Much of the discussion from the “Pre-Hospital Nursing” advisory opinion discussion overlapped into this area. Joey Ridenour, Executive Director, had requested the SOP Committee give input/recommendations to the board regarding the role of the paramedic in acute care settings. Donna Heitmann, as well as guest speakers Espinoza and Schroder commented on the value they saw in having paramedics in the emergency rooms.

Comments included:

- They are not a solution to the nursing shortage but their role can contribute to improvement in patient care.
- It could potentially increase the pool of nurses since some of the paramedics want to become nurses.

Kathy Pollard stated that Mesa Community College is starting a program for paramedics who want to become RN’s.

Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:

Continue discussion after hearing more input regarding EMT levels, education, responsibilities at the 8/29/06 SOP meeting.

IX. Because of time limitations, agenda items VIII. A through H, IX, and X were not covered. They will be placed on the agenda for 8/29/06.

X. Assignments for Review of additional advisory opinions.

NOTE: Please submit all information for inclusion in the SOP packet to Judy Bontrager by August 14.

Last Revised	Advisory Opinion	Responsible Members	Date to Present to Committee
New	1. Anesthetic Agents Administered in End of Life	Kathy Pollard Tina McConn Donna Heitmann	8/29/06
3/03	2. Pre-Hospital Nursing	Donna Heitmann Susan Poole Debra Henry	11/28/06
1/03	3. Anesthetic Agents Administered by RN’s for Limited Purposes: Airway Management & Peripheral Nerve Block	Vicki Buchda Christine Benoit	11/28/06
3/03	4. Apheresis in the Out Patient Setting	Ann Earhart Susan Poole	8/29/06
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 LPN's 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		

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Minutes submitted to the Board 7/2006

Minutes approved by the SOP Committee 8/29/06

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Arizona State Board of Nursing**

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List of Attendees

SOP Committee Members

Kathy Adamson, RNC
Christine Benoit, RN, BSN
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Vicki Buchda, MS, RN
Trista Campbell, RN
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN
Anita Fijalka, LPN
Robin Hayes, RN
Judith Hayter, LPN
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN
Mary Hubenthal, RN
Heide Johnson, LPN
Patricia Johnson, LPN
Marianne Locke, RN
Tina McConn, RN
Kathy Miller, RN, MSN
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA
Joan Olcott, RN
Kathleen Pollard, MSN, RN, CHPN
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN
Joey Ridenour, RN, MN
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, MSA
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD
Karen Stewart, RN, MSN

Guests

Sandi Espinoza – ER Director, Payson
Regional Medical Center
Robinelle Schroder – Trauma Coordinator,
Banner Samaritan Hospital
Nancy Spahr, RN-Clinical Nurse Specialist,
Mayo Clinic
Marlene Trunkenbolz, RN-GI Endoscopy
Quality Coordinator, Mayo Clinic
Jackie Lamis – GI Endoscopy Supervisor,
Mayo Clinic
Linda Dupree – Endoscopy Supervisor II,
Scottsdale Healthcare
Karen Georgi, RN – Endoscopy Supervisor
II, Scottsdale Healthcare
Robert Leow, MD – Gastroenterologist,
Scottsdale Healthcare
Lauri Rentz, RN – Enteral Access Nurse,
Mayo Clinic
Karen Connick, CGRN – Nurse Manager,
Scottsdale Healthcare
Cynthia Young – Nurse Educator,
Endoscopy, Mayo Clinic
Jane Manning, RN – GI Endoscopy, Mayo
Clinic
Sonia Reeder – DCNPM, State of Arizona
Cuong Nguyen, MD – Mayo Clinic
Jo Podjaski, RN – Clinical Nurse Educator,
Del E. Web Hospital
Kathy Johnstun – SN, Grand Canyon
University
Jessica Origel – SN, Grand Canyon
University
Angela Biggs – SN, Grand Canyon
University
Barb Rubenstrunk – Hospice nurse