

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

June 12, 2007

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Karen Hardy, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

I. Introductions

Karen asked all the committee members and guests to introduce themselves. New committee members for the 2007-2009 term were welcomed.

II. Orientation for New Members

Co-chairpersons Pat Johnson & Karen Hardy gave a presentation on the role of the Scope of Practice Committee. Committee members who served on the 2003-2007 & 2005-2007 terms of the Scope of Practice Committee shared with the new members how the committee has given them a better understanding of the Scope of Practice for nurses. Judy Bontrager reviewed the importance of developing advisory opinions and showed the frequency that Advisory Opinions are referred to on the Arizona State Board of Nursing web page.

III. Review & Approval of the March 6, 2007 meeting minutes

Judy Bontrager noted that the Advisory Opinion, "Intravenous Administration of Contrast Media" was not taken to the March, 2007 Board Meeting (awaiting some minor editing changes) but will be taken to the July 2007 Board Meeting for approval. Ann Earhart suggested the sentence regarding Rad Techs pushing contrast via central lines be deleted from the draft minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes (with noted changes) and seconded by Jeanette Sasmor. Motion carried.

IV. Advisory Opinions Reviewed/Approved by the Board at the March 2007 Board Meeting

- A. Ultrasound: Therapeutic & OB Diagnostic
- B. Intrauterine/Intracervical insemination
- C. Ventilator Care by Licensed Practical Nurses
- D. The Role of the RN in Assessing Patient/Client Conditions

V. Terminology to Use in the Advisory Opinions

Jeanette Sasmor presented the draft for "Guidelines for Uniform Formatting of Advisory Opinions." These guidelines were written to assist committee members in developing new advisory opinions and a motion was made by Susan Poole, to accept these guidelines, and seconded by Vicky Buchda (Guidelines are for Scope of Practice Committee members use and will not be submitted to the board for approval).

VI. Review of current Advisory Opinions

A. **Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture by Licensed Practical Nurses** - A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether LPN's should be permitted to:

- Administer specific premixed/admixture medications into central venous catheters including PICC lines, and currently implanted subcutaneous devices.
- Perform blood withdrawal from central IV catheters including PICC lines and currently accessed subcutaneous ports.
- Instill medication i.e. tissue plasminogen activator (cathflow) for restoration of flow in occluded central venous access devices.

Susan Poole addressed the advantages of having LPN's educated to instill medication into central lines for restoring function.

Ann Earhart gave a power point presentation identifying information on this procedure and giving the committee questions for thought. Other points of discussion included risk factors; is assessment required and if yes, can this be done by LPN. Contraindications; education now being given LPN's in the IV certification courses; can subcutaneous infusions be done by LPN's.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Susan Poole and seconded by Marla Moore to: Include administration of premixed/admixture medications into central venous catheters, to include blood withdrawal from central venous catheter, to not allow instillation of drugs such as cathflow into central venous catheter, to revise format of other portions of the advisory opinion for skills not considered within the scope of practice of an LPN, to change the title from Infusion therapy to Intravenous therapy, and other minor word modifications for clarity. The motion carried.

Later in the meeting guest speaker Sandie Queally, RN who teaches the LPN IV certification course, presented information regarding the course content. Since blood withdrawal and administration of medications into central venous lines are not taught as part of the LPN IV certification course, Queally questioned how LPN's would be trained for these functions. The agenda item was reopened for more discussion. Discussion centered on assessment, patient safety, education of LPN's and availability of RN supervision if LPN's were to do these added functions. A motion was made by Marla Moore and seconded by Jeanette Sasmor to delete administration of premixed/admixture medications into central venous catheters. Pat Johnson spoke against the motion. Karen Hardy expresses concern regarding education on these skills for LPN's. Aleksandra Spanovich spoke in regards to patient safety. Heide Johnson and Colleen Payne spoke regarding assessment factors that would be required of the LPN's. A vote was taken and the motion carried - 3 opposed and 23 approved.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For

Take revised advisory opinion to the July 2007 Board for approval – Judy Bontrager.

B. Intubation: Endotracheal Esophageal Gastric Airway, Esophageal Obturator Airway

Kim Eacott reviewed purposed changes for this advisory opinion. James Soler asked about inclusion of Laryngeal Mask Airways (LMR). Committee members felt LMR's were covered in the current title. (Note: James sent email on 6/13/07 stating that further

research found LMR's are not one of airway adjuncts listed in title. Email distributed to SOP members for input to include LMR's in the title). A motion was made by Jeanette Sasmor and seconded by Vicky Buchda to take to July Board motion carried.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For

Take revised advisory opinion to the July 2007 Board for approval – Judy Bontrager.

C. Death, Assessment of

Request received to have additional written clarification of an LPN's role as to whether the LTC facility should call, or not call an RN to "assess/pronounce" when a patient is found without vital signs.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For

Gather information, purpose revision to current advisory opinion and discuss at November 28, 2007 Scope of Practice Meeting – Debra Henry/Marianne Locke.

D. Blood Cell Saving

Chris Benoit had no suggestions for content changes. One reference was deleted. Motion made by Vicky Buchda & seconded by Karen Stewart to take to the July Board.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For

Take revised advisory opinion to the July Board for approval – Judy Bontrager.

E. Registered Nurse First Assistant

Chris Benoit had no suggestions for content changes. A rationale was added, and changes in wording were recommended. A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Marla Moore to take to the July Board meeting. Motion carried.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For

Take revised advisory opinion to the July 2007 Board for approval – Judy Bontrager.

VII. Review of Proposed Rule Revision – Articles 1 & 4

Pam Randolph presented recommended changes to Articles 1 & 4, and asked for input from Scope of Practice Committee members. Committee members found Pam explanation of the process for rule revision to be very informative.

VIII. Assignments for Future Meetings

| Last Revised | Advisory Opinion / New Subjects | Responsible Members | Suggested Date to Present to Committee |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| 7/02 | Deep Sedation for Ventilated Patients | Karen Hardy, Kim Eacott, James Soler | 8/28/07 |
| 11/02 | Injection of Lidocaine; Liposuction | Jeanette Sasmor, Eva Woodburn | 8/28/07 |
| 11/02 | Lasers (Pigment and Vascular specific) for Cutaneous Procedures | Joan Olcott, Clint Armer | 8/28/07 |
| 3/03 | Pre Hospital Nursing | Donna Heitmann, James Soler | 8/28/07 |
| NEW | Subcutaneous Infusion Therapy by Licensed Practical Nurse | Marla Moore, Susan Poole | 11/27/07 |
| 5/04 | PICC Insertion: Radiographic Verification of Placement & Removal | Ann Earhart, Kimberly LaMar | 11/27/07 |
| 5/04 | Stress testing: Pharmacology | Mary Hubenthal, Debra Martin | 11/27/07 |
| 11/04 | Analgesia: Intra-spinal (Epidural and/or Intrathecal) Medication | Susan Mayer, Amy Warengo | 11/27/07 |
| NEW | Gastric Bands | Ann Earhart, Barbara LaBranche | 11/27/07 |
| NEW | Nitrous Oxide Administration | James Soler, Mary Hubenthal, Coleen Payne | 8/28/07 |
| 3/06 | Death, Assessment of | Debra Henry, Marianne Locke | 11/27/07 |

Members were asked to have proposed revisions research information that they wish to have included in the August 28, 2007 submitted to Judy Bontrager by August 9

- IX. Karen Hardy presented certificates of appreciation to Scope of Practice Committee members who had served on the committee from 2003-2007. They were: Kathy Adamson RN RNC, Christine Benoit RN BSN, Vicki Buchda RN MS, Anita Fijalka LPN, Heide Johnson LPN, Tina McConn RN, Kathy Miller RN MSN, Kathleen Pollard MSN RN CHPN, Claudette Rodstrom RN MSN, and Kristin Schmidt RN MBA CHE.

X. Adjournment

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board July 2007

Minutes approved by the SOP Committee _____

JB/cc

**Scope of Practice Committee Meeting
Arizona State Board of Nursing**

June 12, 2007

List of Attendees

SOP Committee Members

Kathy Adamson, RNC
Christine Benoit, RN, BSN
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS
Anita Fijalka, LPN
Heide Johnson, LPN
Tina McConn, RN
Kathy Miller RN, MSN
Kathleen Pollard, MSN, RN, CHPN
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, MSA
Kristin Schmidt, RN, MBA, CHE
Karen Stewart, RN, MSN
Clinton Armer, RN, BSN
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI
Karen Hardy, RN, MSN
Judith Hayter, LPN
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT
Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC
Mary Hubenthal, RN
Patricia Johnson, LPN
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP,
RNC, DPD/BC
Marianne Locke, RN
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA
Joan Olcott, RN
Colleen Payne, RN, MS-NL, TNCC
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD
James Soler, RN, BSN
Aleksandra Spanovich, RN CPN@ RNFA
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN
Eva Woodburn, RN, BSN, MSN
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Guests

Debra Serafin, The guidance Center
Esther Uba, Student, RN, BSN, ASU
Euesima Briggs, Student RN-BSN ASU