

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

June 13, 2011

**Members Present:** See Attached List

**Guests Present:** See Attached List

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## Call to Order:

Dr. Kathy Scott, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### **I. Introductions**

Dr. Scott welcomed the new Scope of Practice Committee members and asked all the committee members and guests in the audience to introduce themselves.

Joey Ridenour, Executive Director of the Arizona State Board of Nursing gave a presentation on the role of the Scope of Practice Committee. She compared & contrasted the Scope of Practice & legal authority of the RN, LPN, & CNA. Ridenour gave background information on who establishes Scope of Practice laws, discussed appropriate delegation tasks, and how advisory opinions are intended to reflect contemporary and evolving functions of RN/LPNs.

Scope of Practice members who had served on the 2009-2011 term welcomed the new members and encouraged them to actively participate in advisory opinion reviews and updates.

### **II. Review and approval of March 7, 2011 minutes.**

A motion was made by Pat Johnson & seconded by Judy Irvin to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved/retired at the March 2011 Board Meeting**

- A. Registered Nurse First Assistant - RNFA
- B. Tumescant Lidocaine Injection: Role of the RN
- C. Deep Sedation for Mechanically Ventilated Patients
- D. Nitrous Oxide Administration

### **IV. Review of current advisory opinions**

#### **A. Analgesia: By Catheter Techniques, Epidural, Intrathecal, Interpleural, Perineural, Subcutaneous -**

Peggy Hampton noted that a review of all states was made and their advisory opinions on this subject were consistent with Arizona. Hampton revised the opinion to include a grid to add clarity for tasks that can be done for non OB patients and for OB patients. The committee supported this change. A question was presented on whether nerve block catheters (such as “on Q”) should be included in this advisory opinion. Lenzion stated nurses do monitor these and patients are being sent home with them, and she did not feel it needed to be addressed in this advisory opinion. Lauren Mackin, a sales representative with Kimberly Clark spoke briefly on questions that she has received regarding the use of these catheters. The committee suggested several changes for increased clarification. To assure that all changes are captured and reviewed, the draft will be returned to August 29, 2011 Scope of Practice Meeting.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For:** Bring a revised draft advisory opinion to August 29, 2011 meeting. Responsible persons – Peggy Hampton, Nadine Lenzion.

## **B. Medical Esthetic Procedures Performed by Licensed Nurses –**

A draft policy, modeled after a 2009 report of Medical Spa Task Force in Massachusetts was presented to the Scope of Practice Committee. The draft included 3 levels of esthetic procedures and defined roles of not only RN/LPNs and Licensed Independent Practitioners, but roles of cosmetologists, nail technologists, aestheticians, and electrologists. This was drafted in conjunction with the cosmetology board. Members questioned if roles other than RN/LPN/APRNs should be included. Since advisory opinions offer clarification it was felt that including other roles would benefit the public. Members voiced concern about stating a specific number of hours vs. just listing content that needs to be covered in the course of instruction.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For:** Bring the revised draft to August 29, 2011 Scope of Practice Meeting. Responsible person – Tammi Bymers, Theresa Frimel.

### **Post Meeting Note:**

Board Staff presented the suggested changes to Joey Ridenour, Executive Director. Ridenour reviewed the draft and requested that the draft be taken to the July 25-26, 2011 board meeting for review and approval. In addition, the Cosmetology Board submitted some changes to include for clarification.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Take to July Board meeting for review & approval. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager, Tammi Bymers.

## **V. New Topics of Discussion**

### **A. Ultrasound use in starting IVs –**

Carolyn Lohmann introduced the need for discussion on the LPN role in the use of ultrasound for starting IVs. Discussion included pros (such as decreased skin punctures, increase patient satisfaction, improved speed) and cons (such as the need for assessment for difficult sticks, and complications such as hematomas, arterial puncture, and nerve pain). Guest Ann Earhart, prior SOP committee member and individual who brought the request for review to the SOP committee, indicated that Association for Vascular Access recently presented a conference and indicated this use of ultrasound to start IVs is an RN competency. Leslie Eastman noted that ultrasound is not being used for difficult sticks in long term care because of the critical thinking / assessment required. The committee reached the conclusion that this should be limited to RNs. It was decided that a separate advisory opinion is not needed but a statement that “it is not within the scope of practice for an LPN to use ultrasound when starting IVs” should be added to the advisory opinion on “Intravenous Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture: The Role of the LPN”.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Debra Martin, seconded by Christina Trifanoff to take the revised draft to Board Meeting. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

### **Post Meeting Note:**

After discussion with co-chairs Dr. Scott and Pat Johnson, it was decided to return this agenda item to Scope of Practice Committee on August 29, 2011 for further discussion. Board staff also received a request from the Director of a nursing program in Maricopa Community College District to consider changes in the Intravenous Infusion Therapy / Venipuncture: The Role of the LPN. Will also place this advisory opinion on the August 29, 2011 agenda.

### **B. Documentation of the Cause of Death** – Barbara LaBranche introduced a question that has recently been discussed in her facility: can the RN document the preliminary cause of death in the medical record? The committee unanimously agreed this is not within the scope of practice for the RN.

- C. Implantable Cardioverter – Defibrillator** – A request was submitted asking the Scope of Practice Committee to consider writing an advisory opinion for this procedure. The committee indicated they did not see a need for an advisory opinion since it is a procedure included in the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Procedure Manual for Critical Care, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. and that critical care nurses would obtain continuing education prior to performing the procedure.
- D. Heparin Locks / Saline Administration with Blood** – Nadine Lenzion requested input from the committee regarding: Is it within the Scope of Practice of nurses to order heparin and saline IV flushes without a physician / licensed independent provider? Lenzion noted that in 2006 the FDA issued a directive transferring primary responsibility from Center for Drug Evaluation to Center for Devices & Radiologic Health stating “the FDA has determined that the primary mode of action of heparin catheter lock-flush solution products in maintaining catheter patency is attributable to the device component’s role in physically occupying space and applying pressure within the catheter”. As a result of this directive some facilities are not requiring an order from the provider/physicians. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Ref: S&C-09-10, standing orders) notes that orders for drugs & biological must be documented and signed by a practitioner who is authorized to write orders by hospital policy.
- E. Diabetic Nail Care** – A recent inquiry was received regarding the role of nurses in diabetic nail care. Volunteers to review this inquiry include Carolyn Lohmann, Chu Fryson, Marlene Eriacho, Christina Trifanoff.  
**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Bring information to August 29, 2011 Scope of Practice Meeting. Responsible person – Carolyn Lohmann, Chu Fryson, Marlene Eriacho, Christina Trifanoff.
- F. Wound Care Workshop – The Role of the LPN.** Information was distributed regarding a workshop offered by the AZ Health Care Association, Aging Services of AZ, to address the recently approved advisory opinion on “Wound Care – The Role of the LPN” (Information only)
- G. Electronic Scope of Practice Packet** – Judy asked if committee members would consider receiving the Scope of Practice preparation packet electronically. This would save postage and paper costs and committee members would receive the packet sooner. A range of responses were received but the majority of the committee welcomed the electronic packet.  
**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Will send August 29, 2011 Scope of Practice packet out electronically. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager, Cristina Oates.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Judy Bontrager RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board July 25-26, 2011

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee August 29, 2011

JB/cc

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

**List of Attendees**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amy Haycraft, RN, MS, ANP  
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN  
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA  
Carolyn Lohmann, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Christina Trifanoff, RN, MSN  
Chu Jun Fryson, MSN  
Crystal Bennett, RN, MN, DNSc  
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC  
Deborah Piluri, RN, MSN  
Denise Miller, RN, BSN  
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN, MBA, HCM  
James Yale III, RN, BSN  
Jason Lin, RN, CEN, CCRN  
Jody Coolman, RNC-OB, BSN  
Judy Irvin, RN, JD  
Karla Baning, RN, ACNP, MSN, CCRN, CNRN  
Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN  
Lesley Eastman, RN, BSN  
Marlene Eriacho, MBA, BSN, RN  
Nadine Lenzion, RN, MN, CNRN, COCN  
Nancy Baumhover, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNE  
Peggy Hampton, RN, BSN  
Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN  
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP  
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN  
Theresa Frimel, MSN, RN, CNE

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP,  
CNNP, RNC, NPD/BC  
Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN  
Sherry Burns, RN, BSN, CEN, MSN, CPEN  
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN

**BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:**

Joey Ridenour, RN, MN, FAAN  
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN  
Tammi Bymers, RN, MSN

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Kathy Scott, RN, MPA, PhD, FACHE  
Patricia Johnson, LPN

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mary Ellen Beal, Lake Forest, CA  
Kimberly Horn, UOP, Phoenix  
Luma Kajih, ASU  
Diana Gracia, ASU  
Elizabeth Villavicencio, Catholic HC West  
– Chandler Regional  
Ruben Gordon, I Flow Corporation  
Lauren Mackin, I-Flow Corporation  
Ann Earhart, BGSMC Banner Health