

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

August 31, 2010

**Members Present:** See Attached List

**Guests Present:** See Attached List

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## Call to Order:

Pat Johnson, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### **I. Introductions**

Pat Johnson asked the committee members & students who attended to introduce themselves.

### **II. Review and approval of June 1, 2010 minutes.**

A motion was made by Frank Saenz & seconded by Shirley Rodriguez to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved/retired at the July 2010 Board Meeting**

A. Intrauterine/Intracervical Insemination

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

**A. Assessment of Patient Condition by a Professional Nurse** – Carmel Dolcine, Francisco Saenz, Debbie Martin. Postponed until November 30, 2010 SOP meeting. A detailed discussion regarding changing this Advisory Opinion occurred. This Advisory Opinion was developed to meet the **Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA)**, which is a statute which governs when and how a patient may be (1) refused treatment or (2) transferred from one hospital to another when he is in an unstable medical condition. For example; to determine if a woman is in active labor, EMTALA clearly requires an examination (“medical screening examination”) to determine the stage of labor. The development of the current Advisory Opinion had to do with nurses performing the “medical screening examinations”, and the question was raised, what focus do we want the Advisory Opinion to be: Medical screening or nursing assessment?, what is the difference between the two, certain things for the medical screening need to be checked off according to EMTALA. The nurse’s piece is nursing assessment, and according to some of the committee members, this is mixing the two. Nurses can assess the patient and also perform a “higher level of assessment for emergent patients”, the nurses then would confer with the provider and it would be up to the provider to sign off.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For:** The current Advisory Opinion has been looked at 302 times since January 1, 2010 and committee members question whether to continue or retire Advisory Opinion. Will verify the amount it is being used by asking Board staff if any emails or phone calls made to the Scope of Practice Line are in reference to this Advisory Opinion, and decide if it is necessary to keep. Responsible person=-Tammi Bymers

**B. Intubation: Endotracheal, Esophageal Gastric Airway, Esophageal Obturator Airway** – Jason Lin, Sherry Burns-Will return to November 30, 2010 Scope of Practice Committee for further updates to draft.

**C. Ultrasound: Therapeutic OB Diagnostic** – Amy Warengo, Dr Susan Mayer. Changes made to include the title, to read OB/GYN Therapeutic Diagnostic Ultrasounds, and a few additions. **Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For**-A motion was made by Susan Mayer and seconded by Barbara LaBranche to take the revised draft to the September 2010 Board Meeting- motion carried. Responsible person-Judy Bontrager/Tammi Bymers

**D. Ventilator Care by LPNs** – Debbie Piluri. Postponed until November 30, 2010 SOP Meeting.

**E. Scope of Practice Decision Tree** – Request for Review from Advance Practice Committee The Advanced Practice committee wanted the SOP committee to consider revisions of the SOP Decision Making Model. SOP agreed to remove “if needed” from the question, “has the nurse completed special education... and amended it to read, “has the nurse completed required education and training”.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** –Will return to Advanced Practice Committee and then send to November 2010 Board for approval.-Tammi Bymers

## V. New Topics of Discussion

**A. Wound Care: Role of the RN/LPN** – Nadine Lenzion, Keata Bhakta, Lori Gutierrez (Board Member). After a lengthy discussion was held regarding the draft advisory opinion and committee members extensively researched, obtained input from long term care facilities who are currently addressing this issue, and talked to facilities regarding the training they offer their LPN/RN’s in wound care the members, Nadine presented the revised Advisory Opinion and the committee requested a few changes be made to the terminology for clarification and the addition of definitions for the types of wound care.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Amy Warengo and seconded by Sherri Burns to take the revised draft to the September 2010 Board, motion carried. Responsible party-Tammi Bymers

**B. Texting Information to Physicians** – Peggy Hampton. Discussion regarding whether to add the texting component to the current Advisory Opinion of Orders: Accepting, transcribing, reviewing orders when physicians request the facility to text the patients’ lab results. Committee members did not feel it was a practice by all physicians and organizations and did not want to amend the current AO or place texting on the FAQ sheet. The agreement was there are no other facilities/organizations that have a policy on it.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** –No other organizations are observing issues with physicians’ texting the results to their patients. Discussion ended, no changes or amendments at this time.

**C. Fluoride Varnish for Children** – Kathleen Dowler, Director Community Integration, Catholic Healthcare West – 10:30 am timed appearance. Megan Miks, Manager, CHW Oral Health Program presented a Power Point presentation for a request to create an Advisory Opinion for clarification of the standards of practice for the medical model using RN’s and LPN’s to apply Fluoride varnish and the use of standing orders by a medical doctor. The request is from First Things First and Arizona Department of Health Services because the standards are unclear. Discussion occurred regarding the risk and

benefits of applying fluoride varnish and if it is within the scope of practice for which an RN or LPN can administer with a physicians order.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For-**Committee agreed to develop an Advisory Opinion and Shirley Rodriquez and Sherri Burns agreed to draft an Advisory Opinion and will present the draft by email to the committee for review prior to the November 2010 meeting and the plan is to have it reviewed and approved by the Board at the November 2010 Board meeting. The November Board meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> of November and the SOP meeting is November 30, 2010.

**D. RN/LPN Renewal Application** –Jennifer McWilliams presented a revised RN/LPN Renewal Application for committee members to complete and then provide information to be corrected or streamlined and to make it less confusing for nurses who are attempting to renew.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For-** Did not receive completed samples, however a discussion regarding changing the front page to be more consistent, adding the addition of an example of a DUI on the “Reporting of Criminal Charges” and the notification of a charge within a ten days of being charged.

## **VI. Student Exchange**

Student from ASU and a nurse from Mayo were given an opportunity to contribute to the discussions throughout the meeting.

**VII. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Tammi Bymers RN, MSN, FNP for Judy Bontrager RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board September 23, 2010

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee November 30, 2010

JB/cc

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

**List of Attendees**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN  
Shirley Burnette, LPN  
Sherry Burns, RN, BSN, CEN, MSN, CPEN  
Peggy Hampton, RN, BSN  
Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN  
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN  
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA  
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP,  
RNC, NPD/BC  
Nadine Lenzion, RN, MN, CNRN, COCN  
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC  
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN  
Deborah Piluri, RN, MSN  
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP (telephonic)  
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN, MBA, HCM  
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN  
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS, NEA-BC  
Carmel Dolcine, LPN  
Judy Irvin, RN, JD  
Jason Lin, RN, CEN, CCRN  
Carolyn Lohmann, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Lori Gutierrez, BS, RN-C, RAC-CT, CBN

**BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:**

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN  
Tammie Bymers, RN, MSN  
Jennifer McWilliams, Licensing

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Kathleen Dowler, CHW  
Megan Miks, CHW  
Kathy Watson, UOP  
Cindy Chambers, Mayo  
Allison Solarz, ASU