

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

March 9, 2004

**Members Present:** See Attached List

**Guests Present:**

Joy Kennedy, RN

Sandy Qualey, RN

Student nurses from Glendale Community College (GCC) and Central Arizona College (CAC)

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**Call to Order**

Barbara O'Connor, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

**I. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 2, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Foster and seconded by Linda Nelson. Minutes approved.

**Welcome to Students**

Barbara O'Connor welcomed the student nurses from GCC and CAC who were attending SOP meeting to fulfill a class assignment.

**II. Board-approved Advisory Opinions**

The Board approved one advisory opinion at the January 2004 meeting: Advisory Opinion Process.

**III. Advisory Opinions for Discussion/Decision**

**A. Pain Management**

Virginia Blair, Team Leader with Arizona Department of Health Services, Licensing Services and Medical Facilities Licensing, identified to the committee various problems relating to pain management that the surveyors are identifying when surveys are being done, i.e., range dosing, lack of pain management protocols, nurses selecting medications to give when multiple analgesic orders are given. A lengthy discussion followed regarding what would be most beneficial to include in an advisory opinion on pain management. The committee wanted to avoid duplication of facility policies/protocols.

**Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:**

Review joint advisory statements (Medical Board/Pharmacy Board/Nursing Board) from other states and City of Hope; talk with those states to evaluate the effect/benefit those statements offer; obtain input from Mary Vincenz, Professor at University of Arizona; consider/recommend if range doses should be addressed in the advisory opinion – orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Signing Off Medical Orders.

Readdress at June 8, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting: **MaryAnn Cox, Kathy Adamson, Chris Benoit, Kathy Pollard, Claudette Rodstrom, Linda Lopez, Vicki Buchda, Jean Dorme, Shirley Grant, and staff Judy Bontrager.**

**B. Analgesia Epidural or Ports**

Vicki Buchda reported the subcommittee has done a literature search, and obtained advisory opinions from other states. They have a meeting scheduled for April 8 to discuss purposed revisions for the current advisory opinion.

**Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:**

Discuss at June 8, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting: **Vicki Buchda, Robin Hayes, Kathy Pollard**

An E-mail, received 2/4/04, asking if it was within the Scope of Practice for an RN to remove intrathecal catheters was being discussed. Further questions were raised by the committee relating to intrathecal injections.

**Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:**

Research the need for developing an advisory opinion relating to Intrathecal Catheters. Discuss at the September 7, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting. **Tina McConn, Susan Eubank**

**C. Telenursing**

Linda Maschner stated that she felt there was no need to develop an advisory opinion for telenursing. The committee was in agreement.

**D. Advisory Opinion Process**

PICC Insertion, Radiographic Verification of Placement and Removal: Guests Joy Kennedy and Sandra Qualey stated their concerns with the current version of the advisory opinion, i.e., different expectations for different aspects of care, which should require different educational components. Motion made by Tina McConn and seconded by Vicki Buchda to clarify the educational requirements for the specific functions the nurse is being educated for: insertion, management/monitoring, insertion with radiographic verification, and removal. The committee also reviewed an E-mail requesting input regarding whether the nurse could inject Marcaine intradermally if the patient were allergic to Lidocaine. The committee recommends if this occurs, the doctor should be contacted for further orders.

**Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:**

Reword the current advisory opinion for increased clarification about educational requirements - **Theresa Frimel**. Take to May Board meeting for approval - **Judy Bontrager**. Responded to Nurse requesting information on administration of Marcaine - **Judy Bontrager**.

#### **IV. Role of RNFA's**

Committee members were informed by Board staff regarding continuing concern from RNFA's/physician regarding the Scope of Practice committee's conclusion that "providing exposure" would not include making a surgical incision.

##### **Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For:**

Request a RNFA focus group to come to the Scope of Practice meeting on June 8, 2004 for discussion about their role - **Christine Benoit**. Inquire to AORN to determine a nurse practitioner's role regarding surgical incisions - **Judy Bontrager**. Enquire about NP's role in local settings - **Theresa Frimel/Vicki Buchda**. Review other state advisory opinions related to RNFA's role – **Christine Benoit/Judy Bontrager**.

#### **V. Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture by LPN's – Can LPN's Administer Immunoglobulin I.V.?**

The committee discussed the letter submitted by Dr. K. Sivakumar requesting review of the LPN scope of practice relating to the administration of immunoglobulin I.V. A motion was made by Tina McConn and seconded by Theresa Frimel to have Board staff send a letter to Dr. Sivakumar stating that the administration of immunoglobulin I.V. is not within the scope of practice for an LPN.

##### **Recommendations/Actions Taken/ Responsible For:**

Send letter to Dr. Sivakumar – **Judy Bontrager**.

#### **VI. Parish Nursing Job Responsibilities**

Pat Midkiff, Board staff, gave the committee an overview of the role of the Parish nurse. She discussed the development of the role, standards, education, and challenges for the Parish nurse. No actions by the committee.

#### **VII. Advanced Practice Committee (APC) request for review of advisory opinion on Pharmacological Stress Testing**

The APC requested that the Scope of Practice Committee change the term "physician" in the advisory opinion to "licensed provider" to be inclusive of nurse practitioners. A motion was made by Vicky Buchda and seconded by Trista Campbell to make the requested change from "physician" to "licensed provider."

##### **Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsibilities For:**

Take revised advisory opinion to the May 2004 Board meeting for approval, and respond to Advanced Practice Committee – **Judy Bontrager**.

#### **VIII. Questions to be placed on the Web**

Brent Cobb, IT Director, introduced Adam Henriksen, the new Webmaster. Adam reviewed the revisions/updates he will be making to our Web Page. The committee expressed interest in putting the Scope of Practice agenda on the Web, and to add an additional question relating to pain management.

Question: As a result of a question that was previously posted on the Web regarding the need for an advisory opinion on pain management, we had responses that indicated there is a need. The Scope of Practice Committee continues to work on the development of the

pain management advisory opinion and would like to hear aspects you would find helpful to in the opinion.

**Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsibilities For:**

Place question on Web page – **Adam Henriksen, Judy Bontrager.**

**IX. Question relating to placing central lines**

A question received from Ann Earhart was reviewed by the committee. Question: Is it within the scope of RN's, more specifically PICC RN's, to place central lines in the femoral area/internal jugular? The committee felt it is not within the scope of practice for an RN.

**Recommendations/Actions Taken/ Responsible For:**

Letter to Ann Earhart to let her know the committee's decision – **Judy Bontrager.**

**X. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2004.**

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

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JUDY BONTRAGER, RN, MN

Minutes approved: June 8, 2004

**Scope of Practice Meeting  
March 9, 2004**

**List of Attendees**

**SOP Members**

Kathy Adamson, RNC  
Christine Benoit, RN, BSN  
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS  
Trista Campbell, RN  
MaryAnne Cox, RN, MHPE  
Jean Dorame, RN, CEN  
Susan Eubanks, RN  
Anita Fijalka, LPN  
Pat Foster, RN, MS  
Theresa Frimel, RN, MSN  
Shirley Grant, LPN  
Heide Johnson, LPN  
Linda Maschner, RN, MS  
Tina McConn, RN  
Linda Nelson, MS, RNC  
Barbara O'Connor, LPN  
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, BA, MSA  
Kristen Schmidt, RN, MBA, CHE  
Karen Stewart, RN, MSN  
Natascha Troehler, RN, BSN, CLNC  
Diana Walker, RN, CNS, MSN  
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN  
Valerie Smith, RN, MS  
Joey Ridenour, RN, MN

**Guest Student Nurses**

**Central Arizona College  
(CAC)**

D.K. McQueen  
Gail Yeager  
Chris Deaton  
Shean Star  
Alysen Kendall  
Donna Martin  
Tanya Schell  
Crista Jones  
Marie Angel  
Kim McDaniel

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**Glendale Community  
College (GCC)**

Patricia Bloom  
Amy Lett  
Tanya Kewitz  
AnneMarie Baker

**Guests**

Joy Kennedy, RN  
Sandy Qualey, RN