

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

June 8, 2004

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order

Trista Campbell, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

I. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Nelson and seconded by Jean Dorame. Minutes were approved.

II. Dermatological Procedures

Janette Wackerly, MBA, RN, Nursing Education Consultant with the California RN Board of Nursing, discussed some of the cutting edge issues related to lasers, educational recommendations for laser use by non-physicians, principles for non-physician use of laser/related technology, educational courses offered and complications. Wackerly emphasized the need for the right setting and competent medical coverage. She reviewed various case studies for emerging issues relating to use of lasers, hair removal, skin resurfacing, Botox and Hylaform injections. Wackerly then participated in the review of a draft advisory opinion for Dermatological Procedures, and offered input for consideration.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/Responsible For:

Revise current draft to include suggestions made during the June 8, 2004, Scope of Practice Meeting – Natascha Troehler

A motion was made by Kathy Miller and seconded by Theresa Frimel to re-discuss at the September 7, 2004, Scope of Practice meeting, prior to sending the draft advisory opinion to the Board for approval. Motion approved.

III. Board Approved Advisory Opinions

The Board approved two advisory opinions at the May 2004 meeting

- A. PICC Insertion, Radiographic Verification of Placement and Removal
- B. Pharmacological Stress Testing

IV. Role of RNFA's

Chris Benoit briefly reviewed the history of this discussion with the Scope of Practice committee. In July 2003, a call was received from Dr. William Lovette asking whether “making a surgical incision” is a delegatable medical practice for an RNFA. In

December 2003, the Scope of Practice committee addressed the question and directed staff to send a letter to Dr. Lovette indicating that the committee had come to the conclusion that “providing exposure” (an interoperative nursing behavior that is within the scope of practice for the RNFA) would not include making a surgical incision. Since that letter was sent, the Board has received letters from RNFA’s and physicians requesting that discussion be re-addressed.

A RNFA focus group comprised of Nancy White, MSN, APRN, FNP, CNOR, RNFA, Terri Aldama, RN, CNOR, CRNFA, and Lorraine Antonioli Vance, RNFA, presented information on the education required for RNFA’s, the revised AORN Statement regarding RNFA’s which specifically lists “handling and/or cutting tissue” as an interoperative nursing behavior, benefits for the patient of having an RNFA assist the surgeon, and the fact that the RNFA practices at the direction of the surgeon.

The speakers also emphasized the steps and requirements necessary to achieve a CNOR, RNFA and CRNFA, the credentialing process that facilities have, and the need for development of a trusting relationship which evolves between the surgeon and RNFA after much teaching and direction from the surgeon.

Guest Marla Weston, RN, with Arizona Nurses Association voiced support of nurses with appropriate education and experience, to be able to make incisions.

After committee questions and answers from the focus group participants, the committee recommended the revised AORN standards be accepted for the advisory opinion. Recommendations for the draft also included the need to address surgeon availability in the practice setting, that the RNFA’s practice under the direction of the surgeon, and that the RNFA is not authorized to perform surgery, to transplant organs or to perform a surgical task or procedure which is the primary purpose of the surgery.

Joey Ridenour, Executive Director of Arizona State Board of Nursing, requested that the revisions to the advisory opinion be sent to the committee by e-mail to obtain input and approval so that the draft advisory opinion could be taken to the July 2004 Board meeting for review and a decision.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For:

- Revise current advisory opinion to include committee recommendations – Chris Benoit
- Distribute to Scope of Practice committee for input – Chris Benoit, Judy Bontrager
- Take approved draft to July Board meeting – Judy Bontrager

V. Pain Management Advisory Opinion Draft

Additional discussion and recommendations were made to further modify the draft. Much discussion ensued regarding nurses choosing range doses and giving medications within a defined period of time.

It was recommended to change mandatory completion of a pain management course to “it is recommended that the nurse” satisfactorily complete a pain management course.

Recommendations/Actions Taken/ Responsible For:

- Discuss how the state surveyors view range orders in surveys, with Virginia Blair of DHS – Mary Anne Cox, Judy Bontrager, Karen Grady
- Return revised draft to September 7, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting – Mary Anne Cox

VI. Due to the length of the meeting the remaining agenda items were postponed until the September 7, 2004 Scope of Practice meeting

- A. Analgesia Epidural or Ports
- B. Questions to be placed on the Web Page

VII. Presentation

Trista Campbell presented Barbara O'Connor with a certificate of recognition for her five years of excellent leadership on the Scope of Practice committee. O'Connor's term with the Board ends June 30, 2004.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2004.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

JUDY BONTRAGER, RN, MN

Minutes approved: 9/7/04

**Scope of Practice Meeting
June 8, 2004**

List of Attendees

SOP Members

Christine Benoit, RN, BSN
Trista Campbell, RN
MaryAnne Cox, RN, MHPE
Jean Dorame, RN, CEN
Susan Eubanks, RN
Anita Fijalka, LPN
Theresa Frimel, RN, MSN
Shirley Grant, LPN
Robin Hayes, RN
Heide Johnson, LPN
Charlotte Kelley, RN, MSN
Linda Lopez, RN, MSN
Linda Maschner, RN, MS
Tina McConn, RN
Kathy Miller, RN, MSN
Linda Nelson, MS, RNC
Barbara O'Connor, LPN
Kathleen Pollard, MSN, RN, CHPN
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, BA, MSA
Kristen Schmidt, RN, MBA, CHE
Natascha Troehler, RN, BSN, CLNC
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Valerie Smith, RN, MS
Joey Ridenour, RN, MN

Guests

Janette Wackerly, MBA, RN,
Guest Speaker

Andrew Sylvester, RN
Leovina Sylvester, RN
Joan Olcott, RN
Margaret Spurny, RN
Julie Peterson, RN
Julie Schultz, RN
Leigh Giordino, RN
Marla Weston, RN, AzNA Ed
Carol Hansen, RN
Paige Macmillan, SNMCC
Terri Aldama, CRNFA
Julie Kodicek, RN
Lorraine Vance, CRNFA
Nancy White, RNFA