

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

March 6, 2007

**Members Present:** See Attached List

**Guests Present:** See Attached List

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## **Call to Order:**

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

### I. Introductions

Karen asked all the committee members and guests to introduce themselves.

### II. Review and approval of the November 28, 2006 meeting minutes

Judy Bontrager noted that the advisory opinion, “Anesthetic Agents administered by RNs for Limited Purposes: Airway Management or Peripheral Nerve Block: was not taken to the January 2007 Board meeting because it had originated from the Advance Practice Committee. Recommendations for change were sent to that committee. Pat Johnson noted that the advisory opinion “Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture by Licensed Practical Nurse” was not taken to the January Board meeting because the Education Committee requested the opportunity to review the recommended changes before taking it to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Jeannette Sasmor and seconded by Vicki Buchda to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### III. Review of Advisory Opinions approved by the Board in January 2007

- A. Removal of Chest tubes.
- B. Sheath Removal, Placement of Mechanical Compression Devices and Deployment of Vascular Closure Devices.
- C. Supervision of Licensed Practical Nurse by Registered Nurses.
- D. Palliative Sedation at End of Life.

### IV. Scope of Practice Members who wish to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term on the Scope of Practice Committee:

Karen Hardy asked the eligible committee members if they wanted to be considered to serve on the Scope of Practice Committee for a second 2 year term. Kim Eacott, Ann Earhart, Judy Hayter, Donna Heitmann, Debra Henry, Mary Hubenthal, Marianne Locke, Marla Moore, Susan Poole, and Jeannette Sasmor indicated they wanted to serve two more years.

V. Advisory Opinions Due for Review

Karen Hardy asked for volunteers to work on advisory opinions that will be up for review in 2007.

Last Revised	Advisory Opinion	Persons Assigned	Projected Date of SOP Meeting
11/03	Blood Cell Saving	Ann Earhart	8/28/07
11/02	Injection of Lidocaine & Liposuction	Joan Olcott	8/28/07
05/04	PICC Insertion, Radiographic Verification of Placement & Removal	Ann Earhart/Susan Poole	11/27/07
07/04	RNFA - RN, First Assistant	Chris Benoit	6/12/07
05/04	Stress testing - Pharmacological	Mary Hubenthal	11/27/07
11/04	Analgesia: Intraspinal (Epidural and/or Intrathecal Medication)	Vicki Buchda/Susan Poole	8/28/07

VI. Terminology to use in Advisory Opinions

Kathy Adamson and Anita Fijalka presented two drafts of information which will be used as guidelines by committee members for writing / reviewing advisory opinions. Since Kathy Adamson and Anita Fijalka will be completing their terms on the committee in June, Jeannette Sasmor agreed to work with them to combine the drafts and keep the working document current for the committee to use.

VII. Review of Current Advisory Opinions

**A. Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture by Licensed Practical Nurse**

An extensive discussion was held on the suggested revisions for this advisory opinion. Major points of discussion centered on:

- Including treatment of thrombotic occlusions of central venous access devices. Susan Poole and Ann Earhart described the procedure to the committee and reported on research studies findings. Discussion included the fact that this was a procedure that would most likely be beneficial to patients in Home Health care settings (NAPES survey showed approximately 10% of LPN's work in this environment). Guest, Marlene Steinhouser RN, CRNI, noted that most patients in LTC have PICC lines versus central lines and that patients in acute care settings would have RN staff to do this procedure.
- Subcutaneous infusions: the committee felt this should be addressed in this advisory opinion as part of the LPN role.
- Need to include that meds can be administered through implanted subcutaneous ports, CVC's and PICC lines.
- Perform blood withdrawal from IV catheters (except Dialysis catheters)
- Discussion of requirements for instructional program on IV therapy & medication skills. Suggested that the written competency test for endorsement applicants be deleted in the advisory opinion.
- Instructor qualifications - recommended we include "BSN preferred".

**Recommendations/ actions taken/responsible for:**

1. In-service committee at the 6/12/07 meeting on restoring function in occluded central venous catheters - Susan Poole/Ann Earhart
2. Provide articles on this subject for committee members to review prior to June 12 meeting - Susan Poole

3. Invite instructor of IV certification course for LPN's to attend 6/12 SOP meeting to give input on course content - Susan Poole
4. Revise another draft for committee to reconsider on 6/12 - Marla Moore
5. Determine what other State Boards of Nursing are recommending - Susan Poole
6. Invite representation from education committee to participate in discussion at 6/12 SOP meeting - Judy Bontrager

#### **B. Ultrasound: Therapeutic & OB Diagnosis**

Pat Johnson noted that no changes were being recommended. References were updated. A motion was made by Kathy Adamson and seconded by Marla Moore to take to the March 2007 Board Meeting for approval. Motion carried.

#### **Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Take revised advisory opinion to March 2007 Board - Judy Bontrager

#### **C. Intrauterine/Intracervical Insemination**

Vicki Buchda stated that only 3 other State Boards of Nursing had an opinion on this matter. References were updated. A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Jeanette Sasmor to take to the March 2007 Board meeting for approval. Motion carried.

#### **Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Take revised advisory opinion to the March 2007 Board - Judy Bontrager.

#### **D. Ventilator Care by LPN's**

Heide Johnson stated that some persons feel the need for a ventilator certification program. The committee did not feel there was a need for a certification program. Heide Johnson states that Gateway Community college does offer a course for interested persons. References were updated. A motion was made by Jeannette Sasmor and seconded by Marla Moore to take to the march 2007 Board meeting for approval. Motion carried.

#### **Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Take revised advisory opinion to the March 2007 Board - Judy Bontrager.

#### **E. Deep Sedation for Ventilator Patients**

Discussion of this advisory opinion was put on hold until June, 2007 meeting.

#### **F. Intravenous Administration of Contrast Media**

Ann Earhart stated the recommended changes included leaving "immediately" out of "a physician must be available" since Department of Health Services rules do not require "immediate" availability but a physician on site. The committee felt "immediate" needed to remain, even if availability were by phone. The committee also felt that nurses administering contrast media need to have completed the ACLS/PALS courses. Ann Earhart stated that if nurses haven't met these requirements and can't administer contrast, the Rad Tech will end up being the individual to inject contrast. (Exception: Rad Tech can not push contrast via a central line). A motion was made by Vicki Buchda and seconded by Marla Moore to take the revised advisory opinion to the March, 2007 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Take revised advisory opinion to the March 2007 Board – Judy Bontrager

**G. Intubation: Endotracheal, Esophageal, Esophageal Gastric Airway, Esophageal Obdurator Airway**

Discussion of this advisory opinion was put on hold until June, 2007 meeting.

**H. Pre Hospital Nursing**

Donna Heitmann reviewed changes/additions made in the draft with the committee. The committee suggested that there not be a section on the “levels of practice” since nurses who wish to perform advanced procedures, must obtain additional education to assure competency. In addition they must receive the medical directors’ approval to perform advanced procedures, along with policies/protocols/standing order to support the nurse. The committee asked Donna Heitmann to prepare another draft for the June 12 meeting.

**Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Prepare another draft for June 12, 2007 SOP meeting - Donna Heitmann

**I. The Role of the Registered Nurse in Assessing Patient/Client Conditions**

Marianne Locke stated she had no recommendations for change. References were updated. A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Susan Poole to take to the March, 2007 Board meeting for approval. Motion carried.

**Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Take to March 2007 Board meeting - Judy Bontrager

**J. Death, Assessment of**

Discussion on this advisory opinion was put on hold until June 2007.

**VIII. Gastric Bands**

A request has been received for the SOP committee to review and determine if it is within the RN Scope of Practice to insert fluid into the band.

**Recommendations/actions taken/responsible for:**

Ask the individual requesting this information to prepare a packet of information according to the “advisory opinion process” and schedule a presentation to the SOP committee - Judy Bontrager

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board March 2007

Minutes approved by the SOP Committee \_\_\_\_\_

JB/cc

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

**March 7, 2006**

**List of Attendees**

SOP Committee Members

Kathy Adamson, RNC  
Christine Benoit, RN, BSN  
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS  
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI  
Anita Fijalka, LPN  
Judith Hayter, LPN  
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT  
Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC  
Mary Hubenthal, RN  
Heide Johnson, LPN  
Marianne Locke, RN  
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA  
Joan Olcott, RN  
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN  
Claudette Rodstrom, RN, MSA  
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD  
Patricia Johnson, LPN  
Karen Hardy, RN, MSN  
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Guests

Jason Lin - Eagle Air Med  
Marlene Steinhouser  
Deborah J Martin - Banner Health