

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

February 26, 2008

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Karen Hardy, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

I. Introductions

Karen Hardy asked the guests in the audience to introduce themselves.

II. Review and approval of November 27, 2007 minutes.

A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Mary Hubenthal to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved at the January 2008 Board Meeting

A. Injection of Tumescant Lidocaine for Liposuction Procedures: Role of the RN – Karen Hardy noted that “for liposuction procedures” had been deleted out of the initial statement: It is not within the scope of practice of the RN to administer tumescant Lidocaine (“for liposuction procedures”) but had not been deleted in the title and rationale. Correction made. A motion was made by Amy Warengo and seconded by Marla Moore to accept the revision. Motion carried. This will not be returned to the Board for review since content change was not made.

B. Lasers (Pigment & Vascular Specifics) for Cutaneous Procedures –

C. Pre-hospital Nursing

D. Deep Sedation for Ventilated Patients

E. Nitrous Oxide Administration – James Soler reported that the Board approved this opinion, after a lengthy discussion. Ann Earhart requested clarification on IOC and I-H. A motion was made by Jeanette Sasmor to add “credentialed” before provider in I-H. Motion seconded by Pat Johnson. Motion carried. Since this addition was only made for clarification, it will not be returned to the Board. Soler also noted the Boards’ request to have a report in one year on the effect this advisory opinion has had on patient care.

IV. Review of current advisory opinions

A. Intravenous Therapy Venipuncture: The Role of the Licensed Practical Nurse – Another lengthy discussion about this advisory opinion occurred. Written input was received from Marlene Steinhouser and verbal input was received from Sandee Queally. Various notations relating to peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) and central lines were added to further clarify the advisory opinion.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Jeanette Sasmor

and seconded by Susan Poole to take the revised draft to the March Board Meeting. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

- B. Stress Testing: Pharmacology** – Jeanette Sasmor suggested the rational needs to address why the advisory opinion is written not why stress testing is done. A request was made to add additional references and to combine paragraph 1 and 2.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Return advisory opinion to May Scope of Practice Committee with revisions as requested – Mary Hubenthal/Deborah Martin.

- C. Supervision of unlicensed Nurse Externs by RN's** – Tabled until May 20, 2008 Meeting.

- D. Analgesia: Intra-spinal (Epidural and/or Intrathecal) Medication** – Susan Mayer reviewed the proposed changes to this advisory opinion. Amy Warengo reviewed a survey conducted by she and Mayer. Forty surveys were sent and 19 returned. Survey questions were: Do OB nurses in your facility currently adjust continuous epidural infusions rates? 3 yes, 15 no. And, do you believe that exceptions should be in place for obstetrical RN's caring for patients receiving analgesia by catheter techniques (as per AWHONN's position statement)? 2 yes, 16 no. Warengo stated that the "yes" responses came from rural area facilities. Mayer stated that AWHONN's position is to NOT have obstetrical nurses adjusting the rates. She stated she spoke to the AWHONN's educator at a recent conference and the educator stated there is no evidence to show the pros or cons of this. The educator added that you can't always predict the outcome and the situation involves the mother and fetus.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Pat Johnson, seconded by Marianne Locke to take the revised draft to the March 2008 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

- E. Conscious Sedation for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures** – James Soler presented the proposed changes for this Advisory Opinion.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Pat Johnson, seconded by Barbara LaBranche to take the revised draft to the March 2008 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

- F. Advisory Opinion Process** – Marianne Locke offered a sample of an advisory opinion request form, developed by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission in Olympia, Washington. Locke did not suggest any changes to the current advisory opinion process, but suggested we add the form for persons to complete when requesting an advisory opinion. The committee agreed with her suggestion.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – Request approval to use form from Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. Responsible person – Marianne Locke.

V. New Topics of Discussion

- A. Manipulation of Endoscopes by RN's** – Discussion postponed until May 20, 2008.
B. Subcutaneous Infusions by LPN's – Discussion postponed until May 20, 2008.

C. Pulling Urethral Stints/Catheters – Ann Earhart stated she has a physician who is requesting that nurses pull urethral catheters and asked if the committee felt there should be an advisory opinion. After discussion, the committee felt an advisory opinion was not needed.

VI. Proposed Statutory Changes

Pam Randolph, Associate Director of Education/Evidence based Regulation, provided a complete update on potential statutory changes in 2008, i.e. the possible combination of the Respiratory Therapy Board and the Nursing Board and the potential changes for 2009. The potential changes for 2009 relate to the following areas:

Powers and Duties

Issue modified license to reflect disabilities.
Require re-testing if exam compromised.
Provide education.
Collect workforce data.
Retirement status for nurses.
Add Decree of Censure option to CNA disciplinary options.

Executive Director

Renew temporary licenses and certificates.
Approval of nursing assistant training.
Issuance of temporary and permanent certification and recognition.

CRNA's

Added to advanced practice definition.
Provide for recognition of certification and education.
Protection of title.
Defined CRNA's.

Regulation and Discipline

Subpoena of personal medical records with reasonable cause.
Clarification of document collection from health providers and institutions.
Enlargement of unprofessional conduct to include failure to report criminal charges and exam cheating.

Acts and Persons not affected

Student nursing (including APN).
Out-of-state RNS providing education and consulting for less than six months if no direct patient care.

Technical

Change “professional” to “registered” throughout the document.

VII. Report on Proposed Legislation by Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency

Joan Olcott presented information about SB1419 relating to cosmetic procedures; laser, injections. Olcott has met with Senator Loff and given input for the aesthetic nurses. It is their feeling that the scope of practice for aesthetic nurses should be governed by the Board of Nursing and not the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency.

VIII. Meeting dates for Scope of Practice Meeting 2008 were reviewed.

IX. A question was raised about the need for a physician to be licensed in Arizona in order for a nurse to accept an order.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For

Add review of Advisory Opinion “Orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Recopying and Signing” to agenda on May 20, 2008 – Jeanette Sasmor.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board March 2008

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee May 2008

JB/cc

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

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List of Attendees

SOP Committee Members

Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI
Karen Hardy, RN, MSN
Judith Hayter, LPN
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT
Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC
Mary Hubenthal, RN
Patricia Johnson, LPN
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP,
RNC, DPD/BC
Marianne Locke, RN
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN,CNA,BC
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA
Joan Olcott, RN
Colleen Payne, RN, MS-NL, TNCC
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD
James Soler, RN, BSN
Eva Woodburn, RN, BSN, MSN
Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Joey Ridenour, RN, MN

Guests

Hailey Enriquez, CGCC Nursing Student
Natalie Smith, CGCC Nursing Student
Sande Queally, GCC Nursing Instructor
Sandra Thomas, GCC Nursing Student
Kelly Rodden, University of Delaware
Janeen Dahn, University of Phoenix