

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

December 2, 2008

**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 Hardy asked the guests in the audience to introduce themselves. Three RN-BSN students from ASU were present. Committee members also introduced themselves. Judy Bontrager introduced Tammi Bymers, Nurse Practice Consultant for the Board who will also be serving on the Scope of Practice Committee.

### **II. Review and approval of August 26, 2008 minutes.**

A motion was made by Eva Woodburn and seconded by Amy Warengo to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved at the September 2008 Board Meeting**

- A. Intraventricular Implanted Devices/Temporary Intracranial Catheters
- B. Manipulation of Endoscopes by Registered Nurses
- C. Electrophysiology Related Procedures by Registered Nurses
- D. External Jugular Cannulation for Peripheral IV (EJPV) and/or Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (EJPICC)
- E. Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion, Suturing, Maintenance, Removal, and Radiographic Verification of Tip Placement

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

- A. Dual Profession & Dual Health Care Licensure/Certification** – Judy Bontrager presented some additional “clarifying points” to be added to this advisory opinion. The committee felt these points added clarity to some of the questions brought up in the August 26, 2008 SOP meeting. Jeanette Sasmor recommended that the same format be used that is used with advisory opinions relating to procedures, and to add specific statute to the Nurse Practice

Act.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Revise the format – Jeanette Sasmor.

A motion was made by Clint Armer, seconded by James Soler to take the revised draft to the January Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

- B. Dermatological Procedures Performed by RN’s** – Joan Olcott addressed the attempt to combine 3 current advisory opinions (Dermatological Procedures Performed by RN’s; Laser (Pigment & Vascular Specific) for cutaneous procedures; and Visual Sclerotherapy) into an advisory opinion title Medical Esthetic Procedures Performed by Nurses. An email from Dr. Deborah Bash, MD was also reviewed. Discussion centered on how specific the advisory opinion should really be, the fact that the LPN must work under the supervision of an RN or licensed independent provider, the rapid changes occurring in medical esthetics/technology,

& the need for patient safety to be considered when developing advisory opinions. Other state's advisory opinions on this subject were reviewed. The committee decided that the role of the RN & LPN should be included in one advisory opinion. They requested a review of what course of instruction was needed for the LPN. The committee requested Joan Olcott obtain additional input from Dr. Bash.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Bring a revised draft of advisory opinion to the February SOP meeting. Responsible person – Joan Olcott, Clint Armer.

- C. Stress Testing: Pharmacological** – Debbie Martin presented proposed changes for the advisory opinion. Discussion centered on the requirement for a licensed independent practitioner to be available. After much discussion the committee recommended the advisory opinion state that a licensed independent practitioner is “available on site” but that the facility policies define anything more definitively i.e. in the room, in the facility.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by ?, seconded by James Soler to take the revised draft to January 09 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

- D. Supervision of Unlicensed Nurse Externs by RN's** – Kim Lamar presented the proposed changes for this advisory opinion. The committee discussed whether an LPN who had graduated from an RN program should function as an LPN if they were employed as an unlicensed nurse extern. It was the feeling they should function as an unlicensed nurse extern if employed as an unlicensed nurse extern. If employed as an LPN they would function as an LPN. Otherwise, the role/responsibilities are too confusing. This would not prohibit an LPN who had graduated from an RN program to be included in a nurse extern orientation, or to perform responsibilities within the role of the LPN if the job title she was employed for was LPN. The committee also reviewed the wording to assure clarity in the recommended added responsibility that a nurse extern could insert peripheral – short IVs, do saline flushes at insertion, IV dressings, & discontinuation of peripheral – short IVs under the direct supervision of an RN. There was also discussion regarding oxygen being a medication or a treatment. The committee decided to recommend oxygen administration as part of a nurse extern's responsibility.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Barbara LaBranche, seconded by Amy Warengo to take the revised draft to January Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager. Write letter to student nurse who initiated the request for nurse externs to start IV's. Request her to write article for journal about the process - JB

- E. Orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Signing Off Orders** – The initial concern regarding the RN accepting phone orders came from Barbara Brewer, Director of Professional Practice at John C Lincoln (602-943-2381). She requested that the SOP committee reconsider how orders are accepted. Committee members gave input on how orders are accepted in their facilities and in the “real world”. Barbara LaBranche stated that only 10% of physicians enter their orders electronically. It was understood by all that the RN has the responsibility of clarifying orders if there are questions. It was felt that we could clarify the wording in the advisory opinion, state optimal standard and then facilities can still modify the process in facility policies.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Return revised draft advisory opinion to February 2009 Scope of Practice meeting. Responsible person – Jeanette Sasmor, Mary Hubenthal, Colleen Payne, Joan Olcott, Debbie Martin, Kim LaMar, Clint Armer, & Judy Hayter.

## **V. New Topics of Discussion**

- A. Subcutaneous Infusions by LPN's** - Susan Poole presented the draft of this new advisory opinion. Minor modifications were made.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Susan Poole, seconded by Joan Olcott to take the revised draft to January Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

- B. Scope of Practice for LPN's in Chronic Dialysis in an outpatient facility** – National Council State Boards of Nursing recently completed a review of the LPN scope of practice in dialysis units. A white paper was sent to boards of nursing to review. Joey Ridenour requested the SOP committee review the paper. Karen Hardy & Judy Hayter volunteered (Pat Johnson will be invited to participate) in the review and recommendations for Arizona Board of Nursing advisory opinion relating to this subject.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Bring recommendations to February 2009 SOP meeting – Karen Hardy, Pat Johnson, Judy Hayter, all SOP Committee.

- C. Conscious Sedation for Diagnostic & Therapeutic Procedures** – James Soler reported on a study he completed comparing state boards' advisory opinions relating to conscious sedation.

- D. Advisory opinions needing review in CY2009** – Committee members volunteered for specific advisory opinions that are scheduled to be reviewed in CY2009 (Please see attached schedule). Additional volunteers will be sought in June 09, when new committee members join the group.

- E. Projected dates for SOP to meet in 2009** - The meeting dates agreed upon are February 24, June 2, September 1, & December 1.

- F. RN's Inserting Central Lines** – Ann Earhart reported she has been approached by RN's who would like to insert central lines. Respiratory Therapists are currently doing this practice and the Association of Vascular Access is recommending this practice for RN's.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Research & prepare draft advisory opinion – Ann Earhart, Kim LaMar for February SOP Meeting. Responsible person – Kim LaMar, Susan Poole.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board January 2009

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee February 24, 2009

JB/cc

Scope of Practice Committee Meeting  
Arizona State Board of Nursing

**December 2, 2008**

**List of Attendees**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Clinton Armer, RN, BSN  
Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI  
Karen Hardy, RN, MSN  
Judith Hayter, LPN  
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT  
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA  
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP,  
RNC, NPD/BC  
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC  
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, CEN, CRN, CCRN  
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN, MS  
Eva Woodburn, RN, BSN, MSN

**BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC  
Mary Hubenthal, RN  
Patricia Johnson, LPN  
Marianne Locke, RN  
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN  
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA  
Aleksandra Yearwood, RN, RNFA, BSN

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Allison Solarz, ASU Student  
Sarah Hall, ASU Student  
Virginia Starr, ASU Student  
Maureen Mortensen, RN Banner  
Thunderbird