

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

June 2, 2009

**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 10:07am.

### **I. Introductions**

Karen Hardy asked the guests in the audience to introduce themselves, and gave a special welcome to the new committee members. Various committee members whose term expired voiced comments about how valuable their Scope of Practice committee experience had been for them.

### **II. Review and approval of February 24, 2009 minutes.**

A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Amy Warengo to accept the minutes, motion carried.

### **III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved at the March 2009 Board Meeting:**

A. Orders: Accepting, Transcribing, Review Orders – Pat Johnson noted a typographic error (“& signed”) that should have been deleted. Correction will be made by Judy Bontrager.

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

**A. Decision Tree** – Kim Eacott recommended no significant changes to this advisory opinion. Ann Earhart asked the question: Is AZ an advisory opinion state or a decision tree state? Discussion centered on how the decision tree describes how decisions are made and defines the steps of input when developing an advisory opinion. Kathy Scott pointed out that it is not always a “black & white” issue but needs judgment as well. It was felt by the committee that advisory opinions for specific areas are needed to give guidance and that both the decision tree and advisory opinions are helpful. Recommendations for changes to this opinion included: add the advisory opinion explanation statement to the first page, note credit to Arkansas State Board of Nursing, and add clarification to one question on the decision tree.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Jeanette Sasmor & seconded by Donna Heitmann to take the draft advisory opinion to the August 2009 Board meeting for approval. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**B. Bone Marrow Aspiration & Biopsy** –Debbie Martin presented this advisory opinion to the committee. After discussion, rewording of the rationale was suggested, references were updated, and the advisory opinion explanation statement will be added to the first page.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Amy Warengo, seconded by Jeanette Sasmor to take the revised draft to the August 2009 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person - Judy Bontrager.

**C. Contrast Media Injection into Coronary Arteries** – Ann Earhart presented this advisory opinion. Recommendations included: add the advisory opinion explanation process statement on the first page, update the references and change the title to “Contrast Media Injection into Coronary Arteries”.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Jeanette Sasmore, seconded by Pat Johnson to take the revised draft to the August 2009 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**D. Debridement, Conservative Sharp Wound** – Susan Mayer presented this advisory opinion. Recommendations included add the advisory opinion explanation process statement to the first page, update references, change title to “Debridement: Conservative Sharp Wound”, and several word modifications.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Nadine Lenzion, seconded by Donna Heitmann to take the revised draft to the August 2009 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**E. Pulmonary Artery (PA) Catheter Removal** – Kim Eacott presented this advisory opinion to the committee. Recommendation included: update references, add advisory opinion explanation process statement to the first page and delete “from the pulmonary artery position”. Eacott stated that trained RN’s remove PA catheters in the PA position routinely, per physician’s orders and per employer’s policies. However, if a PA catheter is in an abnormal wedge position and the RN is not able to troubleshoot to gain a PA (versus wedge) waveform, it is also prudent to remove the catheter ASAP to prevent PA infarction. As well, if the PA is reading a right ventricular (RV) waveform, and the RN is unable to troubleshoot to gain the PA waveform, the physician may order it to be removed.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Kathy Scott, seconded by Tammi Bymers to take the revised draft to the August 2009 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**F. Injection of Lidocaine: Local Infiltration for Femoral Sheath Removal** – James Soler presented this advisory opinion to the committee. Soler state that after review of the literature and evaluating current practice that Tammi Bymers and he have concluded that this advisory opinion should be retired. Soler stated it was their belief that retirement of these AO’s will not pose the general population an increased risk for untoward events nor will their absence negatively impact the Arizona nursing community.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Kathy Scott, seconded by Peggy Hampton to retire this advisory opinion – motioned carried.

**G. Intra – Aortic Balloon Removal** – Kim Eacott presented this advisory opinion to the committee. Recommendations included: to add the advisory opinion process statement to this first page and to update the references. Eacott noted that other states were contacted as well as referencing the Association of Critical Care Nurses whose standards is that RN’s do not remove the intra-aortic balloons.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by – motioned carried.

**H. Fetal Scalp Electrodes** – Amy Warengo presented this advisory opinion to the committee. Warengo stated that most state boards do not allow nurses to do amniotomies, and AWHONN does not support perinatal nurses doing amniotomies, but does support nurses applying fetal scalp electrodes (FSE) through intact membranes. Discussion/questions addressed: some hospitals are more conservative, are we limiting nurses in facilities who do have more support services, should nurses do in special circumstances defined by the facility? Why would we take a stand different that AWHONN? It was decided to look at combining the advisory opinion on Amniotomy and FSE.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Review this advisory opinion and determine if it should be combined with Amniotomy advisory opinion. Return to September meeting – Amy Warengo.

**I. Amniotomy** – See section (H).

**J. Arterial Catheter Insertion & Medication Administration** – James Soler presented this advisory opinion to the committee. Soler stated that after review of the literature and evaluating current practice that Tammi Bymers and he have concluded that this advisory opinion should be retired. Soler stated it was their belief that retirement of these AO's will not pose the general population an increased risk for untoward events nor will their absence negatively impact the AZ nursing community.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Peggy Hampton to retire the advisory opinion – motioned carried.

**K. Medical Esthetic Procedures Performed by Licensed Nurses** – Joan Olcott presented this advisory opinion to the committee. Olcott stated that the nurses in this nursing specialty are beginning to establish national standards & did initiate a national certification exam 3 years ago. A lengthy discussion followed including: What treatments need a licensed independent providers' (LIP) orders, describe "standing orders", what medical oversight is needed, how independent should the nurses function, what is independent vs. interdependent, which patients are seen by a LIP prior to their initial treatment, who determines contraindications for a procedure, need for written protocols, need for more clarity relating to the LIP orders, what can the nurse do independently. The committee concluded that additional research/discussion with Board staff is needed and will place on Sept 1, 2009 agenda for further discussion.

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

**A. Delegation to CNA's in Special Populations** – Ricki Horowitz, guest, presented her request to the committee to have an advisory opinion which recognizes and encourages facilities that employ CNA's, in specialty areas other than Long Term Care/Adult Medical-Surgery areas, to make additions to the traditional education provided to a CNA. The committee supported her suggestion. Pam Randolph, Board Staff spoke of the need to have both administration and the supervising nurse to be accountable for having qualified CNA's to provide safe care. Several committee members volunteered to work on an advisory opinion and present to the committee in September.

**VI. A. Volunteers Assigned for Advisory Opinion Review for Remainder of CY 2009.**

Committee members volunteered to review various advisory opinions that are scheduled to be reviewed during the remainder of CY 2009. Assigned volunteers were requested to submit their research and suggested changes (to include in the SOP packet) two weeks prior to the meeting date.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board August 2009

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee September 1, 2009

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

**List of Attendees**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kimberly Eacott, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI  
Judith Hayter, LPN  
Donna Heitmann, RN, BSN, MPH, EMT  
Mary Hubenthal, RN  
Joan Olcott, RN  
Colleen Payne, RN, MS-NL, TNCC  
Susan Poole, RN, CRNI, BSN, MS, CNSN  
Jeannette Sasmor, RN, MBA, EdD  
James Soler, RN, BSN, CEN, CRN, CCRN  
Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN  
Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN  
Shirley Burnette, LPN  
Sherry Burns, RN, BSN, CEN  
Tanya Dempsey, RN, BSN  
Carmel Dolcine, LPN  
Peggy Hampton, RN, BSN  
Judy Irvin, RN, JD  
Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN  
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA  
Kimberly LaMar, RN, BSN, MSN, ND/DNP, CNNP,  
RNC, NPD/BC  
Nadine Lenzion, RN, MN, CNRN, COCN  
Jason Lin, RN, CEN, CCRN  
Carolyn Lohmann, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Deborah Martin, RN, BSN, MBA, MSN, CNA, BC  
Susan Mayer, RNC, MSN  
Deborah Piluri, RN, MSN  
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP  
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN

**BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:**

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN  
Tammie Bymers, RN, MSN  
Angela Hill, RN, MBA, MSN

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

Karen Hardy, RN, MSN  
Patricia Johnson, LPN  
Kathy Scott, RN, MPA, PhD, FACHE

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Clinton Armer, RN, BSN  
Debra Henry, RN, RDH, MS, NHA, CLNC  
Marianne Locke, RN  
Marla Moore, RN, BSN, MA  
Eva Woodburn, RN, BSN, MSN  
Aleksandra Yearwood, RN, RNFA, BSN  
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS, CNA  
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN  
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN< MBA, HCM

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Ricki Horowitz, Hacienda Healthcare