

SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

September 2, 2009

Members Present: See Attached List

Guests Present: See Attached List

Call to Order:

Pat Johnson, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

I. Introductions

Pat Johnson asked the committee members and guests in the audience to introduce themselves. Johnson noted that Karen Hardy was no longer on the Scope of Practice Committee due to her term expiring on the Board.

II. Review and approval of June 2, 2009 minutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Scott and seconded by Amy Warengo to accept the minutes, motion carried.

III. Advisory Opinions reviewed/approved/retired at the August 2009 Board Meeting (Information Only)

- A. Advisory Opinion Scope of Practice Decision Tree
- B. Bone Marrow Aspiration
- C. Contrast Media Injection Intro Coronary Arteries
- D. Debridement, Conservative Sharp Wound
- E. Pulmonary Artery Catheters, Removal
- F. Intra Aortic Balloon Removal
- G. Arterial Catheter Insertion & Medication Administration – Retired
- H. Injection of Lidocaine: Local Infiltration for Femoral Sheath Removal - Retired

IV. Review of current advisory opinions

A. Scope of Practice for LPN's in Chronic Dialysis in an Outpatient Facility – Discussion on this advisory opinion was postponed until December 1st.

B. Abandonment of Patients – The committee revised the statement of scope, debated whether to include more examples. It was felt that the examples given were broad and conveyed the understanding of abandonment without listing every possible example. References were updated.

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

C. Foley Catheter: Use of Instrumentation to Deflate a Malfunctioning Foley with Balloon – Tammi Bymers noted that this opinion no longer is receiving many inquiries on the web page and suggested it be retired.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Pat Johnson, seconded by Barbara LaBranche to recommend to the board that this advisory opinion be retired – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

D. Fetal Scalp Electrodes – Amy Warengo noted that the Association of Women’s Health Obstetrics & Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) supports nurses applying fetal scalp electrodes, as well as 25 other Boards of Nursing. References were updated and clarification added that it is NOT in LPN scope.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Scott, seconded by Pat Johnson to take the revised draft to the September 2009 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

Amniotomy – Amy Warengo suggested that the Fetal Scalp Electrode advisory opinion and Amniotomy remain separate opinions. A paragraph was added to clarify the RN role to perform Amniotomy by applying fetal scalp electrodes through intact membranes in urgent situations. References were updated and clarification added that it is not within the LPN scope.

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

E. Intra Osseous Cannulation – Jason Lin gave a brief overview of Intra Osseous Cannulation stating that several other states had an advisory opinion on this. Only one state permitted LPN’s to perform. References were updated and clarification added that it is not within LPN scope.

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

F. Intrauterine Pressure Catheters – Dr. Susan Mayer suggested that this procedure be changed to have within the scope of practice for RN’s based upon AWHONN’s recommendations and several other Boards of Nursing recommendations. Mayer noted this is especially needed in rural areas. References were updated and clarification added that it is not within LPN scope.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Thomas Kraus, seconded by Amy Warengo to take the revised draft to the September 2009 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

G. Laminaria Sponge: Insertion & Removal – Dr. Susan Mayer stated that AZ is the only state that has an advisory opinion related to this and this is most often placed in the physician’s office by a LIP. Mayer suggested Laminaria could be included when we revise the Cervical Ripening advisory opinion.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Scott, seconded by Pat Johnson to recommend to the Board that this advisory opinion be retired – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

H. Lumbar Puncture – Dr. Kim LaMar noted some format changes and updated references. Clarification was added that it is not within the LPN scope.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Scott, seconded by Amy Warengo to take the revised draft to September Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

I. Medication Carrying by Licensed Nurses – Deborah Martin noted that this advisory opinion is not reviewed frequently on the web site and suggested it be retired.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Deborah Martin, seconded by Barbara LaBranche to recommend to the Board that the advisory opinion be retired – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

J. Pacemaker Wire – Tammi Bymers reviewed suggested changes with the committee. She noted that AACN has a procedure and that several other Boards of Nursing support this role for the RN. References were updated and clarification added that it is not within LPN scope.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Scott and seconded by Keata Bhakta to take the revised draft to Board meeting – motioned carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

K. Suture Mediated Devices – Dr. Robin Kirschner stated after research, she support this being a procedure within the scope of practice for an RN or LPN. References were updated and clarification added that it is not within the LPN scope.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Dr. Kathy Scott and seconded by Amy Warengo to take the revised draft to Board meeting – motioned carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

L. IV Infusion Therapy / Venipuncture & the Role of the LPN – Carmel Dolcine distributed additional material relating to LPN's & IV's for members to review. Dolcine noted that Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities have many patients with central lines and it is currently not in the LPN scope of practice to administer medication via the central lines. Guests Marlene Steinhouser and Sandee Qualley spoke to the different role the LPN has in a LTC facility. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding LPN's & assessment, concern that an RN may not be available to the LPN, the patients response to IV therapy, the various kinds of central lines & which ones should or should not be included, the number of State Boards (36) who allow LPN's to infuse thru central lines, the need to focus on education and supervision by RN, complications with central lines, etc. Since the current advisory opinion was just revised in 2008 it was felt by the committee that it would be best to keep that format and consider a change to section II.C, relating to addition of central lines.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Pat Johnson and seconded by Tom Kraus to have the sub committee revisit section II.C. of the current advisory opinion, add PICC lines and update references. This would be returned to the December 1 meeting. Responsible person – Carmel Dolcine, Shirley Burnette, Peggy Hampton.

V. New Topics of Discussion

A. Central Line Insertion – Role of the RN – Guest, Ann Earhart presented a draft advisory opinion for this new topic. Earhart states some states have RN's inserting central lines in areas such as air evac. She noted that none of the state boards' have an advisory opinion for this. Earhart noted some physicians are very supportive of having RN insert central lines. Rolland Arnold noted that it is an issue in some facilities because anesthesia coverage is not available on some shifts when central lines are needed. A lengthy discussion was held about the minimum requirements i.e. should the requirements include specific number of sticks, times years of vascular access experience, PICC nurse experience or should it be competency based. In an informal vote ½ the committee felt it was not required. Vicki Buchda made a motion to accept didactic education as equivalent to a PICC course, require ultrasound experience and central line insertion experience for practical application. The motion was

seconded by Dr. Kathy Scott and carried unanimously. The opinion will go to the September Board meeting for approval.

B. Delegation of Nursing Assistant Tasks – Guest Ricki Horowitz explained the need for this advisory opinion and thanked the committee for acting on her request. The committee acknowledged the need for such an opinion.

Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For – A motion was made by Dr. Susan Mayer, seconded by Amy Warengo to revise the draft to our current format and return to December SOP meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Tammi Bymers.

C. Ambulatory Phlebectomy – Board staff received a call inquiring if it is in the scope of practice for an RN to work directly with a vascular surgeon, in performing ambulatory phlebectomies. Board staff directed caller to submit question/supporting documents for the SOP committee to consider. Volunteers were requested, so that if information is received, the volunteers could begin review prior to December SOP meeting. Dr. Robin Kirschner and Carolyn Lohmann volunteered.

D. Lap Bands – A request was submitted to the SOP committee to consider the scope of practice of the RN in doing “fills” for lap bands. Committee members Judy Irvin, Tom Kraus, & Peggy Hampton volunteered to review for the December 1 SOP meeting.

VI. Advisory Opinions Requested for Review by the LPN Advisory Committee

A. Death Assessment – Committee members Deborah Piluri & Rolland Arnold volunteered to review this advisory opinion. The LPN Advisory Ad Hoc Committee requested consideration be given for LPN’s to make the “pronouncement of death”.

B. Wound Care – Committee members Nadine Lenzion & Keata Bhakta volunteered to review this advisory opinion. The LPN Advisory Ad Hoc Committee requested further clarification on the role of the LPN in Long Term Care as it relates to wound care.

C. The Role of the LPN in Assessing Patient Conditions – This will be placed on hold until further information is received from the LPN Advisory Committee.

VII. Next Meeting – December 1, 2009, 10:00am A vote was taken to have the annual December potluck for the SOP Committee Lunch. Judy Bontrager made a request that all information be submitted for the Scope of Practice packet by no later than November 13, 2009.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board September 2009

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

JB/cc

Scope of Practice Committee Meeting
Arizona State Board of Nursing

List of Attendees

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN
Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN
Vicki Buchda, RN, MS, NEA-BC
Shirley Burnette, LPN
Sherry Burns, RN, BSN, CEN
Carmel Dolcine, LPN
Peggy Hampton, RN, BSN
Judy Irvin, RN, JD
Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN
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
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN, MBA, HCM
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN
Tammie Bymers, RN, MSN
Angela Hill, RN, MBA, MSN
Pamela Randolph, RN, MS

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Patricia Johnson, LPN
Kathy Scott, RN, MPA, PhD, FACHE

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ann Earhart, RN, MSN, CRNI
Julie Uychiat, Ensign Group (Bandera)
Marlene Steinheiser
Suzan Miller-Hoover
Ricki Horowitz, Hacienda Healthcare