

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

**December 1, 2009**

**Members Present:** See Attached List

**Guests Present:** See Attached List

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**Call to Order:**

Kathy Scott, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**I. Introductions**

Kathy Scott asked the committee members and guests in the audience to introduce themselves.

**II. Review and approval of September 1, 2009 minutes.**

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

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

- A. Abandonment of Patients
- B. Fetal Scalp Electrodes
- C. Amniotomy
- D. Intra Osseous Cannulation
- E. Intrauterine Pressure Catheters
- F. Pacemaker Wires, Removal of Temporary Wires
- G. Lumbar Puncture
- H. Suture Mediated Closure Devices
- I. Central Line Insertion by RN – New
- J. Insertion/Removal of Laminaria Sponge – Retired
- K. Medication Carrying by Licensed Nurses – Retired
- L. Foley Catheter: Use of Instrumentation to Deflate a Malfunctioning Foley Catheter Balloon - Retired

**IV. Review of current Advisory Opinions**

**A. Medical Esthetic Procedures Performed by a Licensed Nurse**

Pat Johnson updated the committee on the meeting with various regulatory Boards (held October 14, 2009) to obtain their assistance in developing this advisory opinion. The committee reviewed the Mass. Report of the Medical Spa Task Force (2006). The task force recommended a 3 tier system. Agencies that were present supported the concept. Another meeting with the agencies will be called 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010 to further discuss.

**B. Chronic Dialysis in an Outpatient Facility – Role of the LPN**

The suggested changes were reviewed. A section on course of instruction was added. The rationale and references were updated.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For –**

A motion was made by Sherry Burns, seconded by Vicki Buchda, to take the revised draft to the January 2010 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**C. Intravenous Infusion Therapy/Venipuncture: Role of the LPN**

Discussion centered on needs that were identified by the LPN advisory committee: Regulation of rates for IV fluids containing anti-infective medication, & clarification on the role of the LPN with central lines. In addition the specific number of hours for the instruction course was deleted & just included a formal course of instruction which would include instruction in specific areas.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For –** A motion was made by Vicki Buchda, seconded by Sherry Burns, to take the revised draft to the LPN Advisory Committee – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager. (Based on the LPN Advisory Committee’s input the draft would be taken to the Board for approval)

**D. Death, Assessment of**

The request to revisit the advisory opinion came from the LPN Advisory Committee. Rolland Arnold described the findings of information relating to death assessment from various states & organizations, which ranged from “only an RN could assess death to anyone could assess death”. Six other states permit LPN’s to assess death. Terminology used includes: determination of death, pronouncement of death, focused assessment of death, etc. Joey Ridenour noted that policemen & EMT’s can determine death. Sylvia Balestria, ADHS/LTC, also voiced support on this matter.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For –** The committee asked that the sub committee revise the advisory opinion, include a paragraph specifically addressing the role of the LPN, & return it to the March 2, 2010, Scope of Practice meeting. – Rolland Arnold, Deborah Piluri.

**E. Apheresis in the Outpatient Setting**

Postponed until March 2, 2010 meeting. Person responsible for this advisory opinion unable to attend.

**F. Cervical Ripening Agents**

Amy Warengo discussed the purposed changes to this advisory opinion. She noted that she spoke with several MD’s & they saw no risk in using cervical ripening agents with fetal demise. References and rational were updated.

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

Pat Johnson, seconded by Debbie Martin, to take the revised draft to the January 2010 Board meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**G. Mediset/Unit Closed Package**

Postponed until March 2, 2010 meeting. Person responsible for this advisory opinion unable to attend.

**H. Sigmoidoscopy – Flexible**

Nadine Lenzion stated no changes were being recommended. References were updated.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Pat Johnson, seconded by Peggy Hampton, to take the revised draft to January 2010 Board Meeting – motion carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**I. Suture/Staple Removal – Role of LPN**

Dr. Kim LaMar identified recommended changes in wording. References were updated.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Amy Warengo, and seconded by Vicki Buchda, to take the revised draft to January 2010 Board meeting – motioned carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**J. Vaginal Speculum Exam & Specimen Collection**

Amy Warengo discussed suggested revisions with the committee. One suggested change was to include the insertion of vaginal speculums by an LPN for the purpose of collecting specimens. Committee members questioned the need for this, and if there was training related to this in the LPN program. The committee requested more research be done regarding this being in the Scope of Practice for an LPN.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Return to the Scope of Practice Committee on March 2, 2010 with additional research findings and further discussion. – Amy Warengo, Dr. Susan Mayer.

**V. New Topics of Discussion**

**A. Lap Bands**

Judy Irvin stated that in her research she found no other state that had an advisory opinion relating to “filling” of lapbands. Irvin and Peggy Hampton addressed concerns about an RN doing more than accessing the port i.e. evolving into the RN doing the follow up visit without the patient being seen by the physician.

Lori Guiteriz, RN, who requested an advisory opinion on this, explained that the port is similar to a port-a-cath and saline is injected/removed with a huber needle, to expand and contract the lapband. The maximum saline is 5cc. The training is thru Allergan, the manufacture of the lapband.

Amy Rodenberg, Allergan Representative, stated that the company requires the surgeon to commit to aftercare of the patient before training is done. The patient will

be seen for at least 1 year after the surgery and may need 6-8 fills in a year. The committee affirmed with Irvin and Hampton that we should have an advisory opinion.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – Draft an advisory opinion to submit to the Scope of Practice Committee on March 2, 2010 for further discussion – Judy Irvin, Peggy Hampton, Tom Kraus.

**B. Delegation of Nursing Assistant Tasks**

Judy Bontrager stated the reason that this advisory opinion was requested was to support additional specialized training for CNA's who are working in the community with children and persons with special needs such as developmental disabilities. The committee affirmed the need for an advisory opinion to address this.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** – A motion was made by Pat Johnson, and seconded by Rolland Arnold, to take the revised draft to the January 2010 Board meeting – motioned carried. Responsible person – Judy Bontrager.

**C. Wound Care in Long Term Care Settings – The Role of the LPN**

The request for an advisory opinion relating to the role of the LPN working in Long Term Care settings was initiated by the LPN Advisory Committee. A review of other state Board advisory opinions and the Association of LTC supported the LPN in the role of doing wound care treatments. The Scope of Practice Committee discussed the need for the RN to do the initial/periodic assessments. The committee felt the objective is to provide additional training in the area of wound care. Sylvia Balistera, DHS/LTC noted the biggest problem is lack of RN supervision and stated that it works best when a team approach (MD/RN/LPN/Therapist) is used in dealing with wounds. It was also noted that there are not many instructional programs available. The committee suggested the sub committee define wound care competencies, and what level of training is needed. Not all wound care requires the nurse to be certified in wound care.

**Recommendation/Action Taken/Responsible For** –

Continue working on the draft, including basic and more advanced competencies and what level of training is needed. Return draft to March 2, 2010 meeting. – Nadine Lenzion, Keata Bhakta, & Lori Gutierrez of the LPN Advisory Committee.

**C. Role of the LPN Related to MDS**

Postponed until March 2, 2010 Scope of Practice meeting.

**VI. Other**

**A. Proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2010**

Dates of meetings approved were:

March 2, June 6, August 31, and Nov 30

**B. Assignment of Advisory Opinions Needing Review in 2010 (see attached)**

**C. “Hits” on Website – Information only**

**D. Articles of Interest Relating to the LPN Role – Information only**

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Judy Bontrager, RN, MN

Draft Minutes submitted to the Board January 2010.

Minutes to be approved by the SOP Committee in March 2010.

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

**List of Attendees**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rolland Arnold, RN, MSN  
Keata Bhakta, RN, MSN (telephonic)  
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  
Thomas Kraus, RN, BSN  
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  
Francisco Saenz, RN, MSN, MBA, HCM  
Amy Warengo, RN, BSN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robin Kirschner, RN, EdD, CRN, CPAN  
Barbara LaBranche, RN, BSN, MBA  
Deborah Piluri, RN, MSN  
Shirley Rodriguez, RN, BSN, CSNP

**BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:**

Judy Bontrager, RN, MN  
Angela Hill, RN, MBA, MSN  
Joey Ridenour, RN, MN, FAAN

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

University of Phoenix faculty  
Grand Canyon University Students

ADVISORY OPINIONS NEEDING REVIEW IN 2010

<b>Last Revised</b>	<b>Advisory Opinion / New Subjects</b>	<b>Responsible Members</b>	<b>Suggested Date to Present to Committee</b>
1/07	Palliative Sedation at End of Life	Nadine Lenzion Vicki Buchda	March 2010
1/07	Sheath Removal: Placement of Mechanical Compression Devices & Vascular Closure Devices	Peggy Hampton Carolyn Lohmann Keata Bhakta	March 2010
3/07	Assessment of Patient Condition by a Professional Nurse	Carmel Dolcine Francisco Saenz Debbie Martin	June 2010
3/07	Intrauterine / Intracervical Insemination	Amy Warengo Dr Susan Mayer	June 2010
3/07	Intubation: Endotracheal Esophageal Gastric Airway, esophageal Obtrurator Airway	Jason Lin Sherry Burns	August 2010
3/07	Ultrasound: Therapeutic Limited OB/GYN Diagnostic	Amy Warengo Dr Susan Mayer	August 2010
3/07	Ventilator Care by LPNs	Debbie Piluri	August 2010
7/07	Blood Cell Saving	Judy Irvin Thomas Kraus	November 2010
7/07	Intravenous Administration of Contrast Media	Peggy Hampton Dr Robin Kirschner	November 2010
7/07	RNFA – RN First Assist	Dr Kim LaMar Thomas Kraus	November 2010