

Review and Consideration of Current Position Statements Without Changes

Summary of Request:

Annually, the Texas Board of Nursing (Board or BON) Position Statements are reviewed to determine if updates are needed related to changes in national practice trends. To make this determination, throughout the year, Board staff keep apprised of changes in practice nationally through evidence-based practice developments, guidelines, and regulation movements. This report is comprised of those position statements in which Board staff have no recommended changes to content or context. As needed Board staff update broken hyperlinks and make editorial changes for consistency, such as updating names of documents as they change over the years.

Historical Perspective:

Though Board Position Statements do not have the force of law, they provide guidance for nurses on relevant practice and licensure issues. The annual review of Board Position Statements allows the opportunity to accurately parallel their content with advances in practice, the Nursing Practice Act, and Board Rules. The following current positions statements did not have any recommended changes to the context or content of the Position Statement.

Current Position Statements Without Changes

- 15.1 [Nurses Carrying out Orders from Physician Assistants](#)
- 15.2 [The Role of the Licensed Vocational Nurse in the Pronouncement of Death](#)
- 15.4 [Educational Mobility](#)
- 15.5 [Nurses with Responsibility for Initiating Physician Standing Orders](#)
- 15.6 [Board Rules Associated with Alleged Patient “Abandonment”](#)
- 15.7 [The Role of LVNs & RNs in Management and/or Administration of Medications via Epidural or Intrathecal Catheter Routes](#)
- 15.9 [Performance of Laser Therapy by RNs or LVNs](#)
- 15.10 [Continuing Education: Limitations for Expanding Scope of Practice](#)
- 15.11 [Delegated Medical Acts](#)
- 15.13 [Role of LVNs and RNs in School Health](#)
- 15.15 [Board’s Jurisdiction over a Nurse’s Practice in Any Role and Use of the Nursing Title](#)
- 15.16 [Development of Nursing Education Programs](#)
- 15.17 [Texas Board of Nursing/Board of Pharmacy, Joint Position Statement, Medication Errors](#)
- 15.18 [Nurses Carrying out Orders from Advanced Practice Registered Nurses](#)
- 15.19 [Nurses Carrying out Orders from Pharmacists for Drug Therapy Management](#)
- 15.20 [Registered Nurses in the Management of an Unwitnessed Arrest in a Resident in a Long Term Care Facility](#)
- 15.22 [APRNs Providing Medical Aspects of Care for Individuals with Whom There is a Close Personal Relationship](#)
- 15.23 [The use of Complementary modalities by the LVN or RN](#)

- 15.24 [Nurses Engaging in Reinsertion of Permanently Placed Feeding Tubes](#)
- 15.25 [Administration of Medication & Treatments by LVNs](#)
- 15.27 [The Licensed Vocational Nurse Scope of Practice](#)
- 15.28 [The Registered Nurse Scope of Practice](#)
- 15.29 [Professional Boundaries including Use of Social Media by Nurses](#)

Pros and Cons

Pros:

Adoption of the current Board Position Statements with no changes will allow for continued guidance for nurses and the public related to relevant practice and licensure issues.

Cons:

None noted.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept current Board Position Statements without any recommended changes, with allowance for non-substantive edits for purposes of clarity as may be deemed necessary by Board staff.