

5. Humana Hospital Sunrise Request for clarification of Board Practice Decision concerning RN insertion of prostaglandin suppositories or gel in the case of fetal demise: was presented by Carolyn Copeland, R.N., Dee Hicks, R.N., and Marti Knight, R.N. Previous Board practice decision allows only nurses working on Labor & Delivery units and who meet the requirements of NAC 632.225 to perform this function. The request is to allow any nurse who meets the criteria of NAC 632.225 to perform this procedure. The incidence of this procedure has been increasing over the past couple years, and current practice is to hospitalize these patients on a gynecological unit, rather than in L&D. Humana's course for preparation of nurses to perform this procedure and hospital policies were discussed. Robin Trout, APN (OB/GYN) spoke to the request. It was moved and seconded to approve the modification in the Board practice decision, as requested. MOTION CARRIED, 4-0-1, with Sydney Krampitz abstaining from the vote.
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6. Recommendations for Board consideration and action from the Practice Committee: regarding epidural anesthetics was presented by the Executive Director. Discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded to accept the Committee's recommendation that administration of epidural anesthetics should not be within the scope of practice for Registered Nurses, but be reserved for CRNA's and physicians and that RN's not be solely responsible for management of the patient under the effects of epidural anesthesia, but may assist the physician in the patient's care. MOTION CARRIED. Other recommendations were addressed in agenda items above.
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7. Request from M.L. Krear, Administrator, Commission on Post Secondary Education, regarding unlicensed/unsupervised medical care education and training offered by proprietary schools: was presented by the Executive Director. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to take no action at this time.

K. NURSING ASSISTANTS

1. Request for hardship approval of CNA instructorships: Nye Regional Medical Center, Tonopah: was presented by Sylvia Young, R.N., and H. Conner, Education Director of NRMCC. The request is based on the lack of R.N.'s in the community to provide the training programs. The two LPN's identified as potential instructors are experienced in long term care and would assist Ms. Young, who is the primary instructor. Discussion ensued and clarification was sought as to whether the plan presented represents a "hardship case." The Board suggested that with modifications to the training program plan, criteria would be met without hardship approval. It was moved and seconded to deny the request for hardship approval of CNA instructorship for Nye Regional Medical Center. MOTION CARRIED.
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ACTION Board consideration of a request for an opinion regarding nurses removing respirators: Discussion. It was moved and seconded that when a patient has been determined to be brain dead and pronounced dead by a physician, a licensed nurse may remove a respirator. The nurse may refuse to remove the respirator for medical, ethical, or moral reasons. MOTION CARRIED.

F. NURSING PRACTICE

ACTION Discussion and possible action regarding survey: Scope of practice of labor and delivery staff RNs: Discussion occurred. It was moved and seconded that it is the opinion of the Board that an RN practicing in the area of labor and delivery may perform expanded practice as specified under NRS632.225 and in addition:
1. When the registered nurse has had theory and supervised clinical practice in a BoN approved course, and policies/procedures of the employing agency are clearly stated: the RN may do amniotomy, the RN may place spiral (fetal scalp) electrodes, the RN may insert prostaglandin suppositories or gel for the induction of labor when fetal demise has occurred. 2. The insertion of an intrauterine pressure catheter (IUPC) is outside the legal scope of practice for the registered nurse. Placement of IUPC is not an emergency; the procedure is a medical function and potential sequelae demand immediate medical intervention. MOTION CARRIED.

Re: (prostaglandin suppositories or gel) revised 6/90 - see attached

ACTION Discussion and action regarding advisory opinion: Employer Accountability: Discussion occurred. It was moved and seconded that the Board accept the Advisory Opinion regarding Employer Accountability which states that the chief Nursing Administrator in any health care organization is ultimately responsible, and will be held accountable, for insuring that all personnel under his responsibility are properly licensed or trained and can safely provide care. Unlicensed persons may not perform acts that constitute the practice of nursing as defined in NRS 632.

All chief Nursing Administrators will be registered professional nurses as required by Chapter 632, Nurse Practice Act. MOTION CARRIED.

G. FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts and Expenditures, 4 quarters, FY 1986-87: Board accepted the report by consensus.

Annual Audit: Executive Director stated that audit still not received in Board office. Executive Director will send audit to Board members upon receipt.

ACTION Revised budget: It was moved and seconded that the revised budget be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.