

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
September 16-18, 1987

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.