Nevada State Board of Nursing

Practice Decision

APRN Scope in Intubation

The Nevada State Board of Nursing finds it is within the scope of practice of a qualified advanced practice registered nurse to perform elective and emergent intubation providing the specialized, training, competencies, and policy requirements set forth in this practice decision are met and maintained.

Background:
In 1986, the Nevada State Board of Nursing determined it was within the scope of practice of a qualified RN and APRN to perform intubation as outlined in NAC 632.225. In August of 2019 the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee reviewed, developed, and approved a practice decision regarding the role of the RN in intubation. This action prompted the APRN Advisory Committee to review, develop, and approve a practice decision regarding APRN scope in intubation so that it is current with national standards of practice.

Definitions:
Intubation consists of placing an endotracheal tube into the trachea to maintain patency of an airway.

Competency Standards for Intubation:
As the performance of intubation is not included in the basic APRN curriculum the APRN must meet and maintain the following competency requirements:

1. The APRN must be competent to perform the procedure and has the documented and demonstrated knowledge, skill, and ability to perform the procedure pursuant to NAC 632.071, 632.255(3)

References:


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