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DESIGNATED STATE HOLIDAYS FOR 2012

- Veterans Day**
Monday, November 12, 2012
- Thanksgiving Day**
Thursday, November 22, 2012
- Day After Thanksgiving**
Friday, November 23, 2012
- Christmas Eve**
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- Christmas Day**
Tuesday, December 25, 2012
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The Board of Nursing Website contains the Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other information.

ATTENTION APRNs

You must notify the Board of your certification, re-certification, or renewal.



- Are you licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)?
- Have you renewed your certification?
- Did you know the Board does not automatically receive notification you have renewed your certification?
- Did you know it is the licensee's responsibility to provide the Board with a copy of his or her current certification / recertification?

If you have recently become certified, recertified or renewed your certification, please mail a copy of your current certification card to: LLR-Board of Nursing, Attn: Advanced Practice Licensure, P. O. Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211. You may also scan your document and email to Nurseboard@llr.sc.gov or send your document by fax to 803-896-4515.



Board of Nursing MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2012

(Board and Committee meeting agendas are posted on the Board's website (www.llronline.com/POL/Nursing/) at least 24 hours prior to meeting.)

Board of Nursing Meeting..... November 29-30, 2012

Advanced Practice Committee November 2, 2012

Advisory Committee on Nursing..... December 4, 2012

Meet The

SC BOARD OF NURSING PRESIDENT

Do you know Sam McNutt Jr.? Here is his story:

Professional Background/Experience: I have been a CRNA for 24 years and the Director of Anesthesia Services at Palmetto Health Baptist since 2001.

Why did you want to be on the Board? I was taught in home life and in my professional education that I had a responsibility to that profession to give back to it. Over the years, I have been very involved in professional association activities and some teaching opportunities. Being on the Board was another way to give back to my profession and my community.

What do you like most about working with SC BON? I have enjoyed getting to know the various people over the years. It is always interesting to meet new people and work on solving problems and situations. Finally, I enjoy the feeling that we have positively impacted and advanced nursing care as well as the health of the citizens of this state.

Hobbies: Gardening, including orchids and roses, my dogs, collecting various things, travel, ethnic foods, auctions, museums, cultural events, reading, movies, classical music, working out, professional and religious activities and others.

FSMB, NABP AND NCSBN ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT SUPPORTING ANALYSIS OF HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DATA

Chicago - The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) have jointly issued a statement that supports state and federal health care regulators, agencies and other key stakeholders in the collective effort to compile an evidence-based, comprehensive analysis of the nation's health care workforce.

The member licensing boards of FSMB, NABP and NCSBN, which regulate a combined five million health care practitioners, stand ready and willing to assist state and federal health officials with understanding and addressing the nation's health care workforce...

As organizations representing the health care professional licensing and regulatory boards in the U.S., FSMB, NABP and NCSBN recognize the inherent value of collecting workforce data in order to better ensure the quality and safety of the nation's health care system.



“The FSMB and its member boards have undertaken several initiatives to provide better information to workforce policymakers and physician education and training programs as they seek to address the growing challenge of access to health care,” said Humayun Chaudhry, DO, president and CEO of the FSMB. “These include the first-ever comprehensive national census of actively licensed physicians in the U.S., and the collection of essential physician demographic and practice characteristics that will help us better understand where physicians are working and what is the focus of their practices.”

Over the next decade, the U.S. faces health care workforce challenges that have the potential to impact patient access to quality and affordable care. It is imperative that strategies that not only document, but also address, future challenges and the maldistribution of the health care workforce are developed and implemented now.

“The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy is working closely with the Pharmacy Workforce Center (PWC) to establish a uniform and ongoing system of data collection and analysis. The introduction of NABP's Continuing Pharmacy

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Education (CPE) Monitor will provide real time workforce data on all pharmacists and technicians licensed or registered by U.S. Boards of Pharmacy,” noted NABP Executive Director Carmen Catizone.

The member licensing boards of FSMB, NABP and NCSBN, which regulate a combined five million health care practitioners, stand ready and willing to assist state and federal health officials with understanding and addressing the nation’s health care workforce because it is their firm conviction that this data will be instrumental in ensuring their ability to continue to meet the growing needs of patients across the nation.

“Because of the vital nature of this data, NCSBN is working with its member boards to become the national repository for data about the supply of nurses in the U.S. NCSBN aims to create a standardized national public use database for federal, state and local nursing workforce planning efforts,” commented Kathy Apple, MS, RN, FAAN, NCSBN CEO.

About the Organizations

The Federation of State Medical Boards is a non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. It assists these state and territorial medical boards as they

go about their mandate of protecting the public’s health, safety and welfare. The FSMB leads by promoting excellence in medical practice, licensure, and regulation.

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy is an impartial professional organization that supports the state boards of pharmacy in creating uniform regulations to protect public health. Founded in 1904, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) is the impartial professional organization that supports the state boards of pharmacy in protecting public health. NABP aims to ensure the public’s health and safety through its pharmacist license transfer and pharmacist competence assessment programs, as well as through its VIPPS, Vet-VIPPS, VAWD, and DMEPOS accreditation programs.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is a not-for-profit organization whose members include the boards of nursing in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories — American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands. There are also 12 associate members. Mission: NCSBN provides education, service and research through collaborative leadership to promote evidence-based regulatory excellence for patient safety and public protection.

News YOU CAN USE

Have You Moved?

Notify the Board immediately whenever your address changes!

Section 40-33-38(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of any address change. Make sure you notify the Board immediately whenever you change your address so you do not miss time-sensitive information from the Board, such as your courtesy renewal notice, audit notice or other important licensure information. Failure to notify the Board of an address change may result in a public reprimand and \$500 civil penalty. You may change your address online utilizing the address change form under Online Services found on the Board's website: www.llronline.com/POL/Nursing/.

Returned Checks

When submitting fees to the Board of Nursing, please be certain there are sufficient funds in your account to cover the payment (paper or electronic check or credit card) and that the payment has cleared before closing any account.

Section 40-1-50(G) of the South Carolina Code of Laws states that a license shall be suspended if a fee payment is made by a check that is subsequently returned by the financial institution unpaid and is not made good within 10 days of official notification. This suspension is exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act. Unpaid checks constitute a non-payment of license fees. Section 40-33-38(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of any address change. When a check is returned, replacement funds plus the returned check fee allowed by law will be charged.

Tools of the Trade

All nurses should visit the website at least monthly for up-to-date information!

When is the last time you visited the Board of Nursing's website? The Board recommends that all nurses licensed by or working in South Carolina visit its website (www.llronline.com/POL/Nursing/) at least monthly for up-to-date information on nursing licensure in South Carolina. When a new advisory opinion is issued or a current advisory opinion revised, it is updated on the website after Board approval. The Competency Requirement, Competency Requirement Criteria, Licensure information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are just a few of the valuable tools and information you will find on the website.

The Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are located under Laws/Policies. The Competency Requirement and Competency Requirement Criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, are located under Licensure.

The Board hopes you will find this information useful in your nursing practice.

Governor Appoints Two New Board Members

Governor Nikki R. Haley appointed W. Kay Swisher, RNC, MSN as the representative for Congressional District 3 and Karen R. Hazzard, RN, BSN, MSN as the representative for Congressional District 7. The Board welcomes Hazzard and Swisher and looks forward to working with them. They attended their first meeting in September.



Reporting Misconduct and Violations of the Nurse Practice Act

It has come to the attention of the S.C. Board of Nursing that there is reluctance on the part of some employers to report violations of the Nurse Practice Act by their employees.

S. C. Code Ann. § 40-33-111(A) of the Nurse Practice Act states that:

(A) An employer, including an agency, or supervisor of nurses, shall report any instances of the misconduct or the incapacities described in Section 40-33-110 to the State Board of Nursing not more than fifteen business days, excepting Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, from the discovery of the misconduct or incapacity. A nurse supervisor who fails to timely report the misconduct or incapacity may be subject to disciplinary action and civil sanctions as provided for in Section 40-33-120. An employer who is not licensed by the board and who fails to timely report the misconduct or incapacity shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars per violation upon notice of the board.

The Board believes it is important to note there are possible sanctions for employers who fail to report misconduct or incapacities in a timely manner to the Board. It is important for the safety of the citizens of South Carolina that nurses and employers of nurses adhere to the S.C. Nurse Practice Act.

Regulatory Bulletins

APRN ADVISORY OPINION #58 APPROVED



At its September 2012 meeting, the Board approved Advisory Opinion #58 as follows:

FORMULATED: September 2012

QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of practice for APRNs to conduct assessments without physician collaboration or preceptors?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina recognizes that APRNs receive advanced education and clinical training in health assessment as part of the

foundation for APRN practice. The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina recognizes that health assessment is part of the graduate education, a masters or doctoral curriculum, and is required for APRN national certification. The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina also recognizes that assessments are conducted in a variety of settings to promote access to care including hospice, home health, office based, hospitals, mental health, and community organizations.

The State Board of Nursing further recognizes that the practice of APRN role includes the practice of registered nursing which includes performing assessments. According to the Nurse Practice Act:

“Practice of registered nursing” means the performance of health care acts in the nursing process that involve assessment, analysis, intervention, and evaluation.

This practice requires specialized independent judgment and skill and is based on knowledge and application of the principles of biophysical and social sciences.

The practice of registered nursing includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) assessing the health status of persons and groups;
 - (b) analyzing the health status of persons and groups;...
- (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c033.htm>).

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina further recognizes that

traditionally assessments, not to include the interpretation of diagnostic data, have been conducted as part of the APRN scope of practice and are not considered a delegated act requiring or mandating physician collaboration or protocol. Currently, the Nurse Practice Act defines delegated medical acts as:

“Delegated medical acts” means additional acts delegated by a physician or dentist to the NP, CNM, or CNS and may include formulating a medical diagnosis and initiating, continuing, and modifying therapies, including prescribing drug therapy, under approved written protocols as provided in Section 40-33-34. Delegated medical acts must be agreed to jointly by both the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners. Delegated medical acts must be performed under the general supervision of a physician or dentist who must be readily available for consultation.

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina, therefore, recognizes that delegated acts do not include conducting assessments but may include formulating medical diagnoses and prescribing as defined by the Nurse Practice Act. Thus, APRNs conducting assessments do not need a physician preceptor or collaboration.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe APRN practice.

Scope of Responsibility

ADVISORY OPINION #5 REVISED



At its September 2012 meeting, the Board approved revision of Advisory Opinion #5 as follows:

FORMULATED: July 31, 1987

Revised: September 2012, July 2007, November 2003, October 2002, January 1998, December 1997, May 1997, May 1993, November 1991, November 1990, November 1989, January 1989

Reviewed: March 2011, May 2006, July 2005, December 2000, July 1998, March 1993

Question: What is within the role and scope of responsibility of the registered nurse (RN) in the administration of epidural, intrathecal and peripheral nerve therapies?

The Board of Nursing of South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibility of the RN to perform the following epidural, intrathecal or peripheral nerve therapies:

ANALGESIA/ANESTHESIA FOR ACUTE OR CHRONIC PAIN RELIEF:

1. Administer medication (opiates, local anesthetics, steroids, alpha-agonist, or combinations thereof) to the epidural and intrathecal space and peripheral nerve with the use of an electronic pump, infusion reservoir or by direct re-bolus exclusive of the administration of the test dose or initial dose of medication to determine correct catheter or infusion device placement which is administered by the physician, certified registered nurse anesthetist or anesthesiologist.

2. The RN with training and competency may assist the Anesthesiologist/ Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) with the administration of a peripheral nerve block with the Anesthesiologist/ CRNA present utilizing ultrasound guidance and managing the needle placement. The RN may push the medication at the direction of the Anesthesiologist/ CRNA while the Anesthesiologist/ CRNA is holding and managing the needle placement.

3. Monitor, maintain, regulate, and/or terminate a continuous epidural, intrathecal or peripheral nerve infusion of medications (opiates, local anesthetics, steroids, alpha-agonist, or combinations thereof) as ordered by a physician, and within the established guidelines, policies, and procedures formulated with input and approval of licensed physicians, anesthesiologists, and/or certified registered nurse anesthetists. In home care, physician support and supervision may be available via telecommunication systems.

4. Attach infusion tubing and devices to epidural, intrathecal or peripheral nerve catheters in place (and placement verified), as ordered by physician and under the supervision of a licensed physician or certified registered nurse anesthetist.

This applies, but is not limited to, situations in which:

- a. Patient requires acute or chronic pain management.
- b. Patient requires post-surgical pain management.
- c. Physician provider verified correct catheter placement.
- d. Patient's vital signs are stabilized.
- e. Patient's anesthesia/analgesic level is established.

MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING OF INTRAPARTUM EPIDURAL ANESTHESIA/ANALGESIA:

1. Monitor the intrapartum patient receiving epidural anesthesia/analgesia provided a licensed physician, anesthesiologist and/or certified registered nurse anesthetist is present and responsible (IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ON SITE.)

2. Terminate an epidural infusion with immediate notification of the attending physician, certified registered nurse anesthetist or certified nurse midwife. This monitored care is only to be done following stabilization of vital signs after either bolus injection or establishment of continuous pump infusion by physician, anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist.

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LICENSE INFORMATION

Legal Name Required on License

Section 40-33-36 of the Nurse Practice Act requires a license to be issued in the applicant's legal name as verified by a birth certificate or other legal document acceptable to the Board (i.e., copy of marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order). You must use the name on your license when signing nursing documents.

If a licensee changes her or his name after a license has been issued, notification of the change must be filed with the Board within 15 business days, accompanied by a copy of the legal

document authorizing the change. If you get married, please let the Board know how you wish to have your name on your license. For example, if Jane Ann Doe marries John Smith, does Jane want her license to have Jane Doe Smith or Jane Ann Smith or Jane Ann Doe Smith? If the last name is not hyphenated, Smith would be listed as the last name. A licensee's name may not be changed on a record in the Board office without written authorization for the change and an adequate identification of the applicant.

LICENSE CHECK

To check a nursing license, you may utilize one or all of the following options:

1. **SC Licensee Lookup** - Go to www.llronline.com/POL/Nursing/, click on Licensee Lookup (Magnifying Glass) and choose Nursing. As you enter information, it is recommended that you enter a portion of the nurse's name only. You will be provided with the nurse's name, city, state, and license number as well as license type, date issued/ expires, license status and whether the license is multi-state or single state.

1. **Nursys QuickConfirm** - Go to <https://www.nursys.com/> and click on QuickConfirm. From there, follow the instructions. You will be provided with the nurse's name, state of licensure, license type and number, license status, license expiration date and discipline status. The following states participate in QuickConfirm: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado,

Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana-RN, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia-PN, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Go to NCSBN.org for updates as states are added.

1. **Other States** - Most states have licensee lookup/licensure verification on their websites. Links to boards of nursing can be found at www.ncsbn.org.

You may check for discipline against a South Carolina nursing license on the Board's website www.llronline.com/POL/Nursing/ under Disciplinary Actions.

3. The RN may replace empty infusion syringes or bags with prepared solutions provided that the solution is verified by a second licensed nurse. The RN MAY NOT prepare solutions for infusion, alter the rate (increase or decrease), inject, bolus, re-bolus the anesthetic/analgesic infusion. The registered nurse may not insert the

catheter, position or reposition, or flush to maintain patency.

REMOVAL OF CATHETER:

The RN may remove epidural or peripheral nerve (not intrathecal) catheters, provided insertion was documented to be uncomplicated.

Recognizing these responsibilities are an additional act for the RN, the Board recommends that the nursing department complete a comprehensive literature review and consult with clinical experts and legal counsel prior to implementation. If implementation is in order, then appropriate policies, procedures, and standing orders should be developed which specify required special education and training. This special education and training should include documented didactic and skill competency components. The agency policies and procedures should address how the agency will assure a physician or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse authorizes to administer epidural and intrathecal therapy/procedures. Medications to be administered by the RN and dose ranges are to be listed in the policies, procedures, and standing orders. The nursing department is advised to obtain patient specific written medical orders which indicate mechanical and physiological parameters to be monitored and reported to the physician.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.

Reference:

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Position Statement, (1997). Provision of pain relief by medication administered via continuous epidural, intrathecal, intrapleural, peripheral nerve catheters, or other pain relief devices, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Bulletin.

Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines entitled *Nursing Care of the Woman Receiving Regional Analgesia/Anesthesia In Labor*, (2001) of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN).

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST



NCSBN has prepared the checklist below for you to help you make sure you have all the essentials you need.

What You Need to Know About NCLEX® Examinations

- Understand how the NCLEX® uses computerized adaptive testing with the video “NCLEX® Using CAT,” which can be viewed at www.ncsbn.org/3761.htm.
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- Follow NCSBN Examinations

on Twitter and/or Facebook to receive up-to-date information about the NCLEX.

- Attend the 2012 NCLEX® Conference in Boston, a one-day educational meeting that provides the most current NCLEX program updates offered by the experts that develop and administer the exams. Register today at www.ncsbn.org/3310.htm.
- Familiarize yourself with the examination registration process by downloading *The 8 Steps of the NCLEX®* at www.ncsbn.org/Eight_Steps_of_NCLEX.pdf.

Understand Nursing Regulation

- Present information about the importance of nurse licensure and boards of nursing by ordering the free brochures *State and Territorial Boards of Nursing: What Every Nurse Needs to Know* and *What You Need to Know About Nursing Licensure and Boards of Nursing* by completing the order form located at www.ncsbn.org/2551.htm.
- Understand the specific regulatory functions of the board of nursing in your state or jurisdiction by downloading NCSBN Member Board Profiles at www.ncsbn.org/profiles.

- Learn about the Campaign for APRN Consensus and what you can do to impact the future of nursing with the “Consensus Model for APRN Regulation” video and free brochure *A Health Care Consumer’s Guide to Advanced Practice Registered Nursing*. Don’t forget to find out how APRNs practice in your state. All of this information can be accessed by visiting www.ncsbn.org/aprn.
- Subscribe to the *Journal of Nursing Regulation* at www.journalof-nursingregulation.com.
- Apply for a grant from the NCSBN Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant Program to further your research at www.ncsbn.org/389.htm. NCSBN awards grants up to \$300,000 for research that advances the science of nursing. This includes research on such topics as patient safety, nursing education, continued competence and discipline.
- Learn about all of NCSBN’s education initiatives, such as our national simulation and transition to practice studies, by visiting www.ncsbn.org/208.htm.

Tools for the Classroom

- Introduce and discuss the topic of social media by ordering the free brochure *A Nurse’s Guide to the*

Use of Social Media from www.ncsbn.org/2551.htm and downloading the video “Social Media Guidelines for Nurses” from www.ncsbn.org/3493.htm.

- Describe the importance of professional boundaries between a nurse and a patient by ordering the free brochure *A Nurse’s Guide to Professional Boundaries* at www.ncsbn.org/2551.htm.
- Present the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) with the “The Nurse Licensure Compact Explained” video and NLC Factsheet, which can be accessed at www.ncsbn.org/nlc.

Improve Your Skills

- Subscribe to the semi-annual nurse educator newsletter *Leader to Leader* at www.ncsbn.org/signup for articles on such topics as critical thinking, social media and delegation. You can also catch up on missed issues by visiting www.ncsbn.org/284.htm.
- Learn how to write test items in the NCLEX style, improve your critical thinking skills or study nursing ethics by completing NCSBN Learning Extension online courses available at learningext.com.
- Read Sue’s Blog at www.ncsbn.org/suesblog for information about nursing education and the Learning Extension from NCSBN’s resident NCLEX review instructor.
- For more information about NCSBN, its products or services, visit www.ncsbn.org or contact communications@ncsbn.org.

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