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JOINT PROTOCOLS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES/ NURSE ANESTHESIA AND
COLLABORATING PHYSICIANS
BASED UPON BOARD OF NURSING'S AND BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
JOINT PROTOCOL REGULATIONS

1. Nature of practice/patient population/setting:
2. Any particular circumstance for which, prior to ordering, dispensing or prescribing a medication or anesthetic agent a specific examination is to be performed: APNs at (this practice site) will ...

These duties are based upon the individual needs of patients in accordance with rights and privileges granted through RN licensure and APN certification by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The nature and extent of assessments performed and resultant diagnoses made by APNs follow accepted standards of Advanced Nursing Practice.

3. Recordkeeping methodology: At (this practice site) every patient encounter requires a dated entry in the patient's record or on the anesthesia record of every drug, medication or anesthetic agent ordered, dispensed or prescribed. Using the __~__format utilized in the practice.
4. A list of categories of drugs, medications or anesthetic agents appropriate to the practice: APNs may order, dispense or prescribe drugs, medications and anesthetic agents as appropriate for the patient within the scope of practice for APNs.
5. Specific requirements with respect to the recordation in the patient record or anesthesia record of drugs, medications or anesthetic agents ordered, dispensed or prescribed. Drugs, medications and anesthetic agents ordered, dispensed or prescribed by APNs will be recorded in the patient's record or anesthesia record noting the date, name of the drug, medication or anesthetic agent.
6. Any medical conditions or findings within the nature of the practice which should require direct consultation prior to the ordering, dispensing or prescribing of drugs, medications or anesthetic agents: APNs will communicate with a collaborating physician prior to ordering, dispensing or prescribing drugs, medications or anesthetic agents when, in the APN's professional opinion, the patient's condition requires physician consultation or intervention.
7. The frequency and methodology to be employed to ensure periodic review of patient records: Joint review of __ number of patient records shall occur on at least an annual basis (include a brief statement of the procedures utilized at this site).

8. **Identification of the means by which the APN and the collaborating physician can be in direct communication as well as arrangements which will assure that peer coverage is accessible and available:** A collaborating physician is physically available to consult with the APN. A collaborating physician will arrange for peer coverage in his or her absence from the practice.
9. **Procedures for the ordering, dispensing or prescribing of drugs, medications or anesthetic agents in emergency situations:** Procedures for the use of drugs, medications or anesthetic agents in emergency situations will be based upon accepted standards of nurse anesthesia practice in accordance with rights and privileges granted through RN licensure and APN certification.
10. **Identification of reference materials containing practice guidelines or accepted standards of practice:** Clinical references used by the APN and the collaborating physician as guidelines to ordering or prescriptive practice include but are not limited to the following: (list references).