

NH Board of Nursing

Position Statement and Clinical Practice Advisories Regarding the Role of the RN in the Insertion of Advanced Airways

The NH Board of Nursing has carefully considered the issue of advanced airway (LMA or endotracheal tube) insertion into adult, adolescent, pediatric and neonatal patients, integrating information presented by DHART, Arizona Board of Nursing advisory, and P&E Committee recommendations. Based upon this review the Board consensus is that advanced airway insertion is within the RN scope of practice provided the following are met:

- a. Nurse has satisfactorily completed nationally recognized course suitable to age of patient.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION:

1. Anatomy and physiology of pulmonary system, pharmacological and patient assessment for basic advanced airway management, didactic and classroom instruction, followed by supervised clinical practice required for intubation
 2. Indications and contraindications for intubation including but not limited to preparation of patient, equipment set-up and maintenance
 3. Safety measures and management of potential complications and unexpected outcomes, including use of advanced airway devices
 4. Indications and contraindications for selection of proper airway equipment appropriate for age-specific populations
 5. Verification procedures to ensure proper placement of airway
 6. Nursing care responsibilities and age-specific management of intubated patient.
- b. Employer maintains written policy which allows nurse to perform procedure and specifies method for education and minimum of annual re-demonstration of skill
 - c. Documentation of satisfactory completion of agency's instructional program and demonstrated clinical proficiency is on file with employer.