

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSES

Practice Committee Meeting Recommendations

October 23, 2025, 1:00PM

Members present:

Wanda Marks, BSN, RN, Practice Committee Chair
Leslie Perine, MSN, RN, Practice Committee Member
Cathy Childers, DT, Practice Committee Member

Staff present:

Robin A. Lewis, Ed.D., MSN, APRN FNP-BC, NP-C, Director of Practice and Education

Guests:

CAMC Vandalia Health representatives see sign in sheet

PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING (Open to the public)

I. Agenda

II. Call to order

Wanda Marks calls the practice committee to order at 1:05pm.

III. Quorum

Wanda Marks reports that a quorum is present.

IV. Announcements and introduction of members, staff and guests

Wanda Marks calls for members, staff and guests in the meeting to introduce themselves.

V. Review and consideration of agenda

A. Motion regarding accept/reorder agenda

Wanda Marks calls for the practice committee to review and approve or not approve the agenda.

Leslie Perine made a motion to approve the October 23, 2025, agenda as written. Cathy Childers seconded. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed.

VI. Review and consideration of minutes
A. Practice committee meeting minutes

Wanda Marks calls for the practice committee to review and approve the June 23, 2025, practice committee meeting minutes.

Cathy Childers made a motion to approve the June 23, 2025, practice committee agenda as written. Wanda Marks seconded. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed.

VII. Open forum
A. CAMC representative request to address the committee

Heidi Edwards, MSN, RN, VP CAMC General Hospital, Chief Nursing Officer, reports changes in WV Code 30-7-15 effective July 7, 2025, and the Board's rescission of the Administration of Anesthetic Agents position statement in March 2025 has precipitated Vandalia Health affiliated facilities to seek guidance and clarification regarding RN scope of practice with administration of anesthetic agents. In light of the rescission Vandalia Health seeks guidance and clarification from the Board regarding RN scope of practice and administration of anesthetics.

Dr. James Hruschka, MD, Anesthesiology, CAMC Vandalia Health reports changes in WV Code 30-7-15 has precipitated inquires and concern for RN scope of practice for medications with anesthetic potential and provided information for Board consideration on medications with anesthetic potential and a statement on continuum of depth of sedation definition of general anesthesia and levels of sedation/analgesia from the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Amy Deipoli, MD, Division Chief, Interventional Radiology, WVU/CAMC Vandalia Health, Dr. Patrick J. Oneill, MD, PhD, FACS, MD, Division Chair, Trauma Surgery, CAMC Vandalia Health, Caitlin Jackfert, RN, interventional Radiology , Manager, CAMC, Tina Stamper, NS, RN, Associate Administrator Surgical Services, CAMC, reports on behalf of a multidisciplinary group

of physicians, nurses and pharmacists of CAMC Vandelia Health and WVU School of Medicine Charleston Campus to advocate for an RN scope of practice to administer medications for procedural sedation and pain control at sub-dissociative doses under physician order with appropriate training and monitoring to expand access to evidence-based pain and sedation management.

Melissa Taylor, RN, Associate Administrator of Nursing, CAMC seeks clarification and guidance on RN scope of practice for administration of anesthetics with change in WV code 30-7-15 law.

VIII. Miscellaneous

A. Proposed administration of anesthetic position statement

Leslie Perine made a motion to recommend to the full Board to review and consider for adoption a proposed administration of anesthetic position statement provided as follows:

In accordance with West Virginia Code Chapter 30, Article 7, Section 15, administration of anesthetics provides that:

(a) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may administer anesthesia in cooperation with a physician, dentist, or podiatrist when providing the anesthesia.

(1) As used in this section, "cooperation" means a process in which the certified registered nurse anesthetist and the physician, dentist, or podiatrist work together as a team with each contributing an area of expertise at their individual and respective levels of education and training. At all times during such cooperation, the medical or dental care of the patient is directed by the physician, dentist, or podiatrist.

(2) A dentist may cooperate with a certified registered nurse anesthetist under this section only if he or she holds an anesthesia permit pursuant to article §30-4A-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(3) The physician, dentist, or podiatrist is not liable for any act or omission of a certified registered nurse anesthetist who orders or administers anesthetics under this section.

(b) A certified registered nurse anesthetist lawfully may perform acts that determine, prepare, administer, and monitor anesthesia care and anesthesia care-related services if he or she:

- (1) Has at any time held a registered professional nursing license under this article; and
 - (2) Holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license under this article; and
 - (3) Has completed successfully a nurse anesthetist educational program at a nationally accredited graduate or post-graduate advanced practice registered nurse educational institution; and
 - (4) Holds current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the Board of Nursing in the advanced practice registered nurse role and population foci appropriate for educational preparation.
- (c) A certified registered nurse anesthetist does not have independent practice authority.
- (d) A licensed advanced practice registered nurse practicing in the role of certified registered nurse anesthetist may only use the title "certified registered nurse anesthetist", "CRNA", "advanced practice registered nurse", or "APRN".

The West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses (Board) adopts it is not within the scope of practice for a registered professional nurse who is not a licensed advanced practice registered nurse certified registered nurse anesthetist (APRN CRNA) to administer anesthetics for the purpose of general anesthesia as defined by the West Virginia Uniform Controlled Substance Act [WV Code Chapter 60A-2 et. seq.; WV Code/law 30-7-1 et. seq., WV Code/law 30-7-15; WV 19 series code of legislative rules, and the scope and delegation document decision-making model (Ballard, et. al., (2016); NCSBN-ANA, (2019)].

Cathy Childers seconded. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IX. Adjourn

Wanda Marks reported there was no further business of the practice committee.

Cathy Childers made a motion to adjourn the practice committee meeting. Leslie Perrine seconded. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.