

Rules: Functions and Protocols for ARNPs

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64B9-4.009: Functions of the Advanced Registered Nurse.

All categories of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner may perform functions listed in Section 464.012(3), F.S. The scope of practice for all categories of ARNPs shall include those functions which the ARNP has been educated to perform including the monitoring and altering of drug therapies, and initiation of appropriate therapies, according to the established protocol and consistent with the practice setting.

64B9-4.010: Standards for Protocols.

(1) An Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner shall only perform medical acts of diagnosis, treatment, and operation pursuant to a protocol between the ARNP and a Florida-licensed medical doctor, osteopathic physician, or dentist. The degree and method of supervision, determined by the ARNP and the physician or dentist, shall be specifically identified in the written protocol and shall be appropriate for prudent health care providers under similar circumstances. General supervision by the physician or dentist is required unless these rules set a different level of supervision for a particular act. The number of persons to be supervised shall be limited to insure that an acceptable standard of medical care is rendered in consideration of the following factors:

- (a) risk to patient,
- (b) educational preparation, specialty, and experience of the parties to the protocol,
- (c) complexity and risk of the procedures,
- (d) practice setting, and
- (e) availability of the physician or dentist.

(2) A written protocol signed by all parties, representing the mutual agreement of the physician or dentist and the ARNP, shall include the following, at a minimum:

- (a) General Data
 1. Signatures of individual parties to the protocol
 - a. Name, address, ARNP certificate number
 - b. Name, address, license number, and DEA number of the physician or dentist
 2. Nature of practice, practice location, including primary and satellite sites; and
 3. Date developed and dates amended with signatures of all parties.
- (b) Collaborative Practice Agreement.
 1. A description of the duties of the ARNP.
 2. A description of the duties of the physician or dentist (which shall include consultant and supervisory arrangements in case the physician or dentist is unavailable).
 3. The management areas for which the ARNP is responsible, including
 - a. The conditions for which therapies may be initiated,
 - b. The treatments that may be initiated by the ARNP, depending on patient condition and judgment of the ARNP,
 - c. The drug therapies that the ARNP may prescribe, initiate, monitor, alter, or order.
 4. A provision for annual review by the parties.

5. Specific conditions and a procedure for identifying conditions that require direct evaluation or specific consultation by the physician or dentist. The parties to the protocol, to insure an acceptable standard of supervision and medical care, will decide the detail and scope needed in the description of conditions and treatments, and in doing so will consider the factors listed in subparagraphs (1)(a) through (e) above.

(3) The original of the protocol and the original of the notice shall be filed with the Department at the time of renewal, and a copy of the protocol and a copy of the notice required by Section 458.348(1), F.S., shall be kept at the site of practice of each party to the protocol. Any alterations to the protocol or amendments should be signed by the ARNP and a Florida-licensed medical doctor, osteopathic physician, or dentist and filed with the Department within 30 days of the alteration to be kept in the Department for filing purposes only. After the termination of the relationship between the ARNP and the supervising professional, each party is responsible for insuring that a copy of the protocol is maintained for future reference for a period of four years.