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**OPINION: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
Performance of Preadmission and Pre-Procedural
Comprehensive History and Physical Exam
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Within the Scope of Practice of ___ LPN ___ RN ___ CRNA

ADVISORY OPINION

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS PERFORMANCE OF PREADMISSION AND PRE-PROCEDURAL COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAM

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

It is within the Scope of Practice of a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) to perform a preadmission and pre-procedural comprehensive history and physical examinations for determining a patient's anesthesia risk.

I. STANDARD OF CARE:

It is the standard of care to perform a preadmission and pre-procedural comprehensive history and physical examination which includes evaluation and documentation of pertinent medical records, patient interview and physical examination.

II. RATIONALE:

A Comprehensive patient history and physical examination are integral components to preoperative assessment of patient anesthetic risks and a key factor in improving patient outcome, lowering the length of hospital stay, and reducing total costs of patient care. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are advanced practice nurses who are educated and trained to perform comprehensive history and physical examinations for assessing anesthetic risks consistent with Arizona rule R4-19-508, Standards Related to Registered Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice.

Per ARS 32-1634.04 Arizona Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Scope of Practice: In connection with the preoperative or postoperative care of a patient or as part of the procedure, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist may: 2. Assess the health status of an individual as that status relates to the relative risks associated with anesthetic management of an individual.

III. REFERENCES

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