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**OPINION: Off Label Prescribing Drugs,
Devices, and Therapeutics**

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Within the Scope of Practice of ___ LPN ___ RN X RNP

ADVISORY OPINION

OFF LABEL PRESCRIBING DRUGS, DEVICES, AND THERAPEUTICS

RATIONALE

These guidelines are intended to assist the RNP in responsible prescribing of off label medications and treatments. RNPs who prescribe off label medications or treatments should use sound clinical judgment, utilizing the following guidelines of responsible professional practice.

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

It is within the Scope of Practice for a registered nurse practitioner (RNP) with prescribing privileges, to prescribe or recommend a prescription drug off-label, device and/or therapeutics based upon the RNP incorporation of knowledge derived from the RNP's advanced education, evidence-based research, and/or established practice standards within a RNP's area of expertise.

For the purposes of this AO, **therapeutics is defined** as the treatment and care of a patient for the purpose of both preventing and combating disease or alleviating pain or injury.

For the purposes of this AO, **off label, prescribing is identified** as the use of FDA approved medications for other than their intended indications and does not include those drugs or uses classified as experimental.

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