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Position Statement
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Administration of Medications and/or Treatments

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing has determined that decisions regarding the administration of medications and/or treatments by the licensed nurse are governed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Scopes of Practice and Decision Making Model Position Statements.

Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations:

The term “unprofessional conduct” is defined as conduct which, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure patients or the public, means any act, practice, or omission that fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession and which results from conscious disregard for the health and welfare of the public and of the patient under the nurse’s care; and includes, but is not limited to, the conduct listed below:

- Failing to administer medications and/or treatments in a responsible manner
- Performing or attempting to perform nursing techniques and/or procedures in which the nurse is untrained by experience or education, and practicing without the required professional supervision

If the Board received a complaint regarding the administration of a medication and/or treatment, evidence would be collected regarding the nurse’s actions. The nurse who administered the medication and/or treatment, may be required to show that his/her actions were consistent with current acceptable practice and that they had had the appropriate training, experience and/or education. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, manufacturer’s literature, nursing journals, research articles, national organization position statements and standards of care and documentation of competency.

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