SCOPE OF PRACTICE DECISION TREE

Resource Documents*

• Georgia Nurse Practice Act O.C.G.A. §43-26
• Georgia Rules and Regulations
• Professional Standards of Practice (generally found through professional and specialty organizations (ANA, GNA, etc.)
• Organizational/Institutional policies, procedures and guidelines
• Assignment Decision Tree (when available)

*Please note the following: Not intended to be exclusive list and appropriate documentation is imperative at each step of this model consistent with your professional guidelines and institutions. At any point a written request or phone call may be sent to the Georgia Board of Nursing for an opinion.

1. Is activity/task in O.C.G.A. §43-26 (Georgia Nurse Practice Act), Georgia Board of Nursing Rules & Regulations?

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2. Is activity/task supported by research, position, and scope of practice statements by National Nursing Organizations or community or institutional related health field?

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3. Is the activity/task consistent with organizational policies or procedures?

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4. Do you possess the current knowledge and skill required to perform the activity/task and is it documented in your work environment?

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5. Would a reasonable and prudent nurse perform this activity in this setting?

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6. Are you prepared to accept the responsibility for your action?

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