

*Final regulations replacing emergency regulations currently in effect to be adopted by the Board of Nursing on 5/17/05 and the Board of Medicine on 5/20/05*

**FINAL REGULATION**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**PURSUANT TO HB855 OF THE 2004 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

(Public Comment from 1/24/05 to 3/25/05)

18VAC90-30-120. Practice of licensed nurse practitioners.

A. A licensed nurse practitioner shall be authorized to engage in practices constituting the practice of medicine in collaboration with and under the medical direction and supervision of a licensed physician.

B. The practice of licensed nurse practitioners shall be based on specialty education preparation as a nurse practitioner in accordance with standards of the applicable certifying organization and written protocols as defined in 18VAC90-30-10.

C. The written protocol shall include the nurse practitioner's authority for signatures, certifications, stamps, verifications, affidavits and endorsements provided it is:

1. In accordance with the specialty license of the nurse practitioner and with the scope of practice of the supervising physician;

2. Permitted by § 54.1-2957.02 or applicable sections of the Code of Virginia; and

3. Not in conflict with federal law or regulation.

€ D. A certified registered nurse anesthetist shall practice in accordance with the functions and standards defined by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

(Guidelines and Standards for Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Revised 1998) and under the medical direction and supervision of a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy or the medical direction and supervision of a dentist in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Dentistry.

⊘ E. A certified nurse midwife shall practice in accordance with the Standards for the Practice of Nurse-Midwifery (Revised 1993) defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

## **Certification**

*I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.*

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