



RN UPDATE

The mission of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a registered professional nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. The Board fulfills its mission through the regulation of the practice of professional nursing and the accreditation of schools of nursing. This mission, derived from Chapters 301, 303 & 304 of the Texas Occupations Code, supersedes the interest of any individual, the nursing profession, or any special interest group.



Governor Perry Appoints Three New Board Members to Board of Nurse Examiners; Deborah Bell Reappointed to Board

Governor Rick Perry appointed three new Board members to the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) to fill the positions vacated by outgoing Board members: Thalia Munoz, MS, RN; Sue McGee, MSN, RN; and Elizabeth Poster, PhD, RN. Thalia Munoz and Elizabeth Poster began their six-year terms in 1997 and Sue McGee began her term in 1999. Sue McGee resigned from the Board late in 2002 to pursue family goals. The three new Board members are: Thomas Barton, MSN, RN, from Pampa, representing Nursing Practice; Blanca Rosa Garcia, PhD, RN, from Corpus Christi, representing ADN Programs; and Brenda Jackson, PhD, MSN, RN, from San Antonio, representing BSN Programs.

Mr. Barton is a recent arrival to Texas and works at Pampa Regional Medical Center as Chief Nursing Officer. Dr. Garcia and Dr. Jackson have both worked actively with BNE advisory committees for several years. Dr. Garcia works as Chairperson for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. Dr. Jackson is employed as Associate Dean of the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Governor Perry appointed the new Board members on May 9, 2003. Further information on the BNE's newest members will be provided in upcoming editions of the *RN Update*.

Governor Perry also reappointed Deborah Bell, CLU, ChFC, from Abilene, on May 9, to serve a six-year term. Deborah Bell has been serving on the Board since July 6, 2001, replacing John Fonteno, who resigned from the Board due to health reasons. Ms. Bell represents Consumers on the Board.

Board Meeting Schedule - 2003

October 23-24

Board Meeting Schedule - 2004

January 22-23

April 22-23

July 22-23

October 21-22

Meetings to be held in Austin

BNE Responds to Laws passed During 78th Regular Texas Legislative Session

The 78th Regular Texas Legislative Session ended on June 2, 2003. The Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) is currently responding to passage of bills impacting the Nursing Practice Act, Agency Rules and Regulations and agency operations. Bills of significance passed into law included: HB 1483, combining the Board of Nurse Examiners with the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners and adding continuing education requirements relating to Homeland Defense (see page 2); HB 2208, authorizing the BNE to request and receive criminal history information of applicants for initial licensure as Texas RNs and of endorsees for Texas RN licensure from other jurisdictions; HB 1095, which adds provisions for physicians to delegate authority to prescribe controlled substances to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants with prescriptive authority (see pgs. 3-5); SB 718, which authorizes the BNE to approve and adopt rules regulating pilot programs for innovative applications in the practice and regulation of professional nursing; HB 2131, relating to regulation of certain nurses in operating room settings (rural settings); HB 2985, which establishes the Office of Patient Protection within the Health Professions Council; and HB 3126, takes steps to increase RN enrollments in nursing schools and authorizes the funding of the Nursing Workforce Data Center established in the last legislative session. The BNE will take an in-depth look at legislation passed in the 78th Session in the October edition of *RN Update*.

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A Word from the Executive Director

Boards of Nursing and Vocational Nursing to Merge in February 2004



Governor Perry signs House Bill 1483, merging the Board of Nurse Examiners and the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. Witnesses included (from left to right): Margie Dorman O'Donnell, RN; Senator Jane Nelson, Senate Bill Sponsor; Clair Jordan, Executive Director, Texas Nurses Association; Katherine Thomas, Executive Director, Board of Nurse Examiners; Representative Ray Allen, House Bill Sponsor; Colleen Benefield and Scott Gilmore, Staff, Representative Allen's Office.

House Bill 1483, which combines the jurisdiction of the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) and the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners (BVNE) under a single Board of Nursing, was signed into law by Governor Perry on June 20, 2003. Texas joins 45 other states who have combined boards of nursing. The four remaining states with separate boards and acts for RNs and LPNs/LVNs are California, Louisiana, Georgia, and West Virginia.

This bill also creates a single licensing act for RNs and LVNs. The current Licensed Vocational Nurse Act, found in Chapter 302 of the Texas Occupations Code, is a title-control act which requires an LVN to be licensed to use the title "LVN," whereas the Nursing Practice Act for RNs (Chapter 301 of the Occupations Code) is a practice-control act which requires anyone who uses the title or engages in the practice of nursing to be licensed. This latter regulatory approach prohibits unlicensed persons from engaging in the practice of nursing. House Bill 1483 creates a practice-control act for both RNs and LVNs.

Nursing practice is on a continuum from those duties performed by less educated and experienced nurses to those performed by nurses with more education and experience. From a public policy perspective, it makes sense that a single board and a single licensing act regulate nursing practice across that continuum, providing more consistency in policy and regulation.

The merger of the two boards will take place February 1, 2004. The Boards are working cooperatively now and expect a smooth transition next year. The BNE and BVNE had shared resources and space prior to the passage of this legislation. Both Boards are on the same floor of the Hobby Building in Austin and share a reception area. Pursuant to a legislative directive in the 2001 Legislative Session, the Board of Nurse Examiners began computer programming to migrate the LVN licensure data to a new data base housed and managed by the BNE. The data base will be operational September 1, 2003. These factors, and the Boards' common work – licensure, accreditation of nursing programs, and enforcement of the acts -- will contribute to successful consolidation of the agencies. Look for more information on the transition plan in the October issue of *RN Update*.

HPC Offers Toll-Free Number for Complaint Forms

The Health Professions Council has a toll-free phone number for obtaining complaint forms to report inappropriate actions by Texas-licensed health professionals including Doctors, Physician Assistants, Therapists, RNs, and LVNs. The number is: **1-800-821-3205**.



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Summary of Actions

Regular meetings of the Board of Nurse Examiners were held April 24-25, and July 24-25, 2003 in Austin. The following is a summary of Board actions taken during these meetings.

Rule Revisions

Amendments were adopted without comments to Rule 217.2, Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Basic Nursing Education Programs Within the United States, its Territories or Possessions, and Rule 217.4, Requirements for Initial Licensure by Examination for Nurses Who Graduate from Professional Nursing Programs Outside the United States Jurisdiction. Adopted amendments became effective June 15, 2003. For more information on the rules mentioned above, refer to the Texas Register at the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Texas located at <http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.html>. (see page 5 for more information)

At the regular meeting of the Board of Nurse Examiners held July 24-25, the following actions occurred.

Existing Rule 215 relating to Nurse Education was repealed and new Rule 215 relating to Nurse Education was adopted to become effective August 17, 2003. (see page 6 for more information)

Amendments were proposed to Rule 217.18 relating to Registered Nurse First Assistants. Proposed rules were submitted to the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period.

Emergency repeal of the old Rule 222 and a new Rule 222 were adopted relating to Advanced Practice Nurses in response to passage of HB 1095 in the 78th Regular Texas Legislative session. (see pages 4-5 for more information)

Passage of HB 3126 (Workforce Data Center), HB 2985 (Office of Patient Protection) and HB 2208 (FBI Background Checks), enacted during the 78th Regular Texas Legislative Session will require emergency amendments to Rule 223. Amendments were proposed to Rule 223 relating to Fees. Effective September 1, 2003: initial licensure fee will increase to \$104.00 (to fund FBI background checks); endorsement fee will increase to \$164.00 (to fund FBI background checks); and renewal fees will increase to \$51.00 (to fund Nursing Workforce Data Center and newsletter). Fees must also be increased for initial licensure, endorsements and renewals in January, 2004, to fund the Office of Patient Protection (\$5.00 for initial licensure & endorsement fees and \$2.00 for renewals).

Education Actions: April 24-25 Meeting

Determination of accreditation status

*Continued full accreditation with commendations
El Centro College - ADN

*Continued full accreditation with no recommendations and no requirements

*Angelina College - ADN
Covenant School of Nursing - Diploma*

*Del Mar College - ADN
El Paso Community College - ADN*

*Galveston College - ADN
Lamar State College at Port Arthur - ADN*

*Lee College - ADN
McLennan Community College - ADN*

*Midwestern State University - BSN
Prairie View A&M University - BSN*

*San Jacinto College Central - ADN
South Plains College - ADN*

*Tarrant County College - ADN
Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi - BSN*

*Texas Christian University - BSN
Tyler Junior College - ADN*

*University of Texas at Arlington - BSN
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston - BSN*

*University of Texas Pan American - BSN
University of the Incarnate Word - BSN*

West Texas A&M University - BSN

*Continued full accreditation with recommendations

*Blinn College - ADN
Collin County Community College - ADN*

*East Texas Baptist University - BSN
University of Texas at Austin - BSN*

*Continued full accreditation with requirements

*Central Texas College - ADN
San Jacinto College South - ADN*

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio - BSN

Victoria College - ADN

*Continued full accreditation with recommendations and requirements
Houston Baptist University - ADN

Houston Baptist University - BSN

Lamar University at Beaumont - ADN

*Continued full accreditation with progress report
Laredo College - ADN

*Continued full accreditation with commendation and requirement
San Antonio College - ADN

*Continued full accreditation with commendations, recommendations and requirements

Grayson County College - ADN

Vernon College - ADN

*Continued initial accreditation with commendations, recommendations and requirements

*Texas A&M University at Texarkana - RN to BSN
Weatherford College - ADN*

Discussion of Other Education Matters

*Approved request to admit students - *Lamar State College at Orange - ADN*

*Approved request to merge programs - *Texas A&M International University - Generic BSN and RN to BSN*

*Accepted report of survey visit with commendations, recommendations and requirements

*Cisco Junior College - ADN
University of Texas at Tyler - BSN*

*University of Texas Pan American - APN
Wharton County Junior College - ADN*

*Approved petition of waiver of qualifications for Interim Director - *Victoria College - ADN*

*Approved proposal to establish a Distance Education Initiative
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

July Education actions to be printed in October *RN Update*.

Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Practice Nurses Expands to Include Schedules III through V

In the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, HB 1095, relating to prescriptive authority for advanced practice nurses, was passed and signed into law. Prior to the passage of HB 1095, advanced practice nurses were limited to prescribing dangerous drugs only. Dangerous drugs are defined in Rule 222.1(5) as:

“Dangerous drug - A device or a drug that is unsafe for self medication and that is not included in schedules I-V or penalty groups I-IV of chapter 481 Texas Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act). The term includes a device or a drug that bears or is required to bear the legend: ‘Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription.’”

The authority to authorize or issue prescription drug orders for controlled substances was prohibited.

HB 1095 amended the Medical Practice Act to permit physicians to delegate authority to prescribe controlled substances listed in schedules III through V to advanced practice nurses. Controlled substances are defined as:

Controlled substance—A substance, including a drug, an adulterant, and a dilutant, listed in Schedules I through V or Penalty Groups 1, 1-A, or 2 through 4 of chapter 481 Texas Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act). The term includes the aggregate weight of any mixture, solution, or other substance containing a controlled substance.

With the passage of HB 1095, advanced practice nurses may be authorized to prescribe controlled substances provided certain criteria are met. These criteria include:

- (1) Limiting prescriptions for controlled substances to those listed in Schedules III, IV, or V as established by the commissioner of public health under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code (Texas Controlled Substances Act);
- (2) Prescriptions are issued for a period not to exceed 30 days;
- (3) The advanced practice nurse shall not authorize the refill of a prescription for a controlled substance prior to consultation with the delegating physician and notation of the consultation in the patient’s chart; and
- (4) The advanced practice nurse shall not authorize the prescription of a controlled substance for a child less than two years of age prior to consultation with the delegating physician and notation of the consultation in the patient’s chart.

Because there are multiple factors that need to be considered prior to permanently amending the rule related to prescriptive authority for advanced practice nurses, the Board adopted emergency revisions to Chapter 222 at its July 2003 meeting. These revisions are available on the BNE’s web site at www.bne.state.tx.us for the period of time the emergency rule is in effect. Advanced practice nurses who anticipate prescribing medications listed in Schedules III - V are **strongly** encouraged to review these rules to verify that they will be eligible to prescribe these medications. Staff anticipate that the Board will not propose rules for permanent adoption until its October 2003 meeting to allow an opportunity for additional input from the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee and other interested parties.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (TX DPS) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are the agencies that regulate controlled substances and the authority to prescribe them. Advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority who prescribe controlled substances must know and comply with all requirements set forth by these agencies in addition to BNE regulations. Although the Board has authority to regulate advanced nursing practice, failure to comply with the laws and regulations related to prescribing controlled substances will result in disciplinary action taken by these agencies. Disciplinary actions taken by these agencies can include felony convictions, jail time, and significant financial penalties.

Prior to authorizing or issuing prescriptions for controlled substances, advanced practice nurses must have current authorization to practice and prescriptive authority from the BNE. A delegation of prescriptive authority form must also be on file with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (TSBME). To obtain a delegation of prescriptive authority form, contact the TSBME by telephone (512/305-7022) or via their web site (www.tsbme.state.tx.us). Once these processes are completed, the advanced practice nurse must submit an application for a controlled substances permit to the TX DPS. Applications may be obtained by calling (512/424-2188) or e-mailing (tpcsr@txdps.state.tx.us) the TX DPS. After the controlled substances permit has been issued, the advanced practice nurse may apply for a DEA registration number. DEA applications may be obtained by calling one of the DEA’s regional offices or via the DEA’s web site at www.usdoj.gov/dea. The BNE can provide interested advanced

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practice nurses with applications for prescriptive authority only. The prescriptive authority delegation form and applications for TX DPS and DEA registration must be obtained from the appropriate resource as indicated above.

APN Advisory Committee Discusses Refresher Course Guidelines for APNs Inactive for More than Four Years

The APN advisory committee met on May 19, 2003 in Austin to continue work on their charges from the Board. The committee continued to discuss guidelines for a refresher course/extensive orientation for advanced practice nurses with inactive status who have not practiced in more than four years. It is anticipated that a recommendation for adoption of revised guidelines will be presented to the Board at the July 2003 meeting. The committee also gave further consideration to the development of standardized criteria for review of new and existing national certification examinations. The committee is scheduled to meet again in September 2003.

Revisions to Rules 217.2 & 217.4 Relating to Initial RN Licensure

Proposed amendments were published in the May 16, 2003 edition of the *Texas Register* (28 TexReg 2897) to Rules 217.2 and 217.4 concerning Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Basic Nursing Education Programs Within the United States', its Territories or Possessions, and Requirements for Initial Licensure by Examination for Nurses Who Graduate from Professional Nursing Programs Outside of the United States' Jurisdiction. No comments were received and these amendments were adopted and went into effect July 14, 2003. These amendments are, in part, the result of a review conducted by board staff comparing the Texas rules with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Uniform Licensure Requirements. The NCSBN defines its core licensure requirements as "those minimum requirements that are essential to promote public protection."

The Texas rules differed from the NCSBN core requirements in that Texas rules previously allowed candidates only three attempts within four years of graduation from their nursing program to pass the NCLEX RN licensing exam. Under the newly amended Rule 217.2, graduates of approved registered nursing programs are permitted unlimited retesting provided they test within 4 years of their program completion date. Candidates are also required to wait a minimum of 91 days between re-tests. The 91-day waiting period between test attempts is necessary as the pool of test questions is rotated every 90 days. The maximum test attempts now permitted by the rule amendment is 12 attempts in 4 years, or up to three attempts per year. Revised 217.2 may be applied to candidates who have tested up to three times and who are still within the four-year window since graduation. Candidates who are not successful in passing the NCLEX within four years of program completion will continue to be required to re-educate (complete a new nursing program) before further test attempts will be permitted.

There are two significant amendments to Rule 217.4 (relating to licensure of graduates of foreign nursing programs). Previously foreign nurses applying to Texas were required to have verification of having worked in nursing at least two of the past four years. The new rule language now specifies that foreign nurses seeking licensure must have at least two years of professional nursing experience. If the licensed foreign trained nurse has two or more years of experience in professional nursing but that experience is not within the past four years, the foreign-trained nurse may now complete a refresher (aka: accustomation) course in lieu of re-educating as Texas formerly required. This accustomation course can only be done after the foreign nurse meets the requirement to take and pass the NCLEX exam as a Texas applicant. Candidates who have graduated from a nursing program within the past four years need not meet the experience requirement provided they have passed the NCLEX.

The other amendment to 217.4 provides foreign nurses with a new option. The foreign nurse may submit either a certificate from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)(indicating successful completion of the nurse qualifying exam) or they may submit a course-by-course report of CGFNS equivalency from the Credential Evaluation Service (CES) which includes an English proficiency exam.

For further information, amended Rules 217.2 and 217.4 are on the BNE website at www.bne.state.tx.us in their entirety. The web page for CGFNS is <http://www.cgfns.org>.

BOARD ADOPTS NEW CHAPTER 215. NURSE EDUCATION

by Virginia Holmes, MSN, RN

At the April 2002 meeting, the Board of Nurse Examiners issued a charge to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) to review Chapter 215 in its entirety. The charge was issued to meet the requirement by law to review each rule every four years and as a response to input received from the education community. The current Chapter 215 had not been reviewed in its entirety since the repeal and adoption of a new chapter in December 1998. That rule change became effective September 1999.

The committee (ACE) was composed of a Board member who served as committee chair and nine other members who represented diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate and vocational nursing programs, as well as representatives of Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE), Texas League for Nursing (TLN), and Texas Nurses Association (TNA), each representing nursing practice. The committee's review of the present rule focused on the currency and validity of the language of the rule with the ultimate purpose of providing recommendations to the Board. The purpose of these recommendations was to provide information that would assist the Board in making decisions that would support the Board's purpose and mission to have appropriate oversight of professional nursing education programs and to protect the citizens of Texas. At the same time, the Committee's recommendations reflected sensitivity regarding concerns addressed by the education community.

At the July 2003 meeting, the Board voted to approve the staff recommendation to publish the new Chapter 215. Nurse Education for final adoption. The rule will be effective on August 17, 2003.

Significant changes in the new Chapter 215 include: *Section 2. Definitions*: has new terminology as well as clarification of existing language; *Section 215.3(b),(d). Program Development, Expansion and Closure*: changed in the requirements to develop or to close a distance education initiative (DEI), with the prior necessitating only an abbreviated process for implementation; *Section 215.4(b), (c)(2)(F). Accreditation*: changed criteria for placing a program on warning status; added a process for an interim review of status for programs not having full BNE accreditation; *Section 215.6(d), (f)(1)&(4), and (h). Administration and Organization*: added a requirement regarding faculty salaries; allowed faculty holding a license from a compact state to have practice "privileges" in Texas; added a required orientation for new deans/directors; changed the requirement for dean/director teaching experience; *Section 215.7. Faculty Qualifications and Faculty Organization*: clarified the director's teaching load and the use of non-nurse faculty; *Section 215.8. Students*: deleted references to specific student policies; *Section 215.9. Program of Study*: added a requirement for implementation of the new essential competencies for entry level practice; added a requirement for all pre-licensure nursing programs to include the four nursing content areas at the professional nursing level; abbreviation of the proposal process for fully accredited programs undergoing a major curriculum change; and deleted the section on Innovative Approaches to Nursing Education.

E-Mail Notification Service Available for Newsletter Readers, Businesses and Organizations

The Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) would like to send you an e-mail notifying when the latest BNE newsletter is available for reading and providing a link directly to the newsletter's location on the internet. This service will be available at no cost and will be sent out on a quarterly basis as soon as the newsletter is available for reading. The e-mail address that you provide will be used in the strictest confidence and will only be used for the purpose of informing you when the newsletter can be downloaded and providing a direct link to the newsletter's location.

If you would like to add your personal e-mail address or the e-mail address for your business or organization to the BNE's e-mail mailing list, simply send an e-mail indicating that you wish to receive the newsletter notification service to: webmaster@bne.state.tx.us.

NURSES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP DEVELOP THE NCLEX® EXAMINATION

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is responsible for developing the NCLEX-RN® and NCLEX-PN® licensing examinations by utilizing contributions from nurse clinicians and educators. NCSBN encourages all nurses to become involved in the development of the exams by participating in the item (question) development program. Qualifications for participation are listed below.

Serving on an NCLEX® item writing or review panel is an excellent opportunity to network with nurses from across the country, contribute to continuing excellence in nursing practice, and build new skills that are useful for professional growth.

Item development sessions are held throughout the year and include the item writing and item review panels. Item writing panelists are responsible for creating new test items that may later appear on one of the exams. Item review panelists examine both newly created and older items to help decide if the items are current and relevant to entry-level nursing practice.

All item development panels are held in Chicago, Illinois, and generally last 3-4 consecutive days. Panelists stay downtown in a deluxe hotel surrounded by the shopping and theater districts. Most travel and food expenses are covered and new panelists receive more than 30 CEUs for their participation.

For more information about the NCLEX item development program or to receive an application for the item development panels please call the NCSBN item development hotline at 312-525-3775 or visit our Web site at www.ncsbn.org.



PRACTICE Q & A

By Carol Marshall, MSN, RN



Can a registered nurse administer ‘Botox’ (Botulinum Toxin Type A) to a client? Is a physician’s order required?

The answer to the second question is “yes.” The answer to the first question requires more than a simple “yes” or “no.” The administration (injection) of Botox by a RN involves looking at laws in addition to the Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and Board Rules. “Botox” is classified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a “dangerous drug” (www.fda.gov). The “Dangerous Drug Act” (Texas Statutes, Health and Safety Code, Chapter 483) addresses definitions that relate to this practice question in Section 483.001. A “dangerous drug” [§483.001(2)] is defined as a drug that may only be dispensed with a properly executed prescription drug order. The information that must be contained in a prescription drug order is defined in 483.001(13).

Section 483.041 (Possession of Dangerous Drug) may also be of interest to RNs. It asserts that it is a violation for any person to possess a prescription drug unless the person obtained the drug from a pharmacist using legal means. Exceptions in §483.041 apply to the occupations listed and/or to employees or agents for the same occupations who may be in possession of a dangerous drug in the usual course of business or practice or in the performance of official duties. The Health and Safety Code may be found under www.capitol.state.tx.us.

As a prescription medication, the NPA and sections of the BNE rules applicable to administration by a RN are the same for Botox as for any other prescription drug. The definition of professional nursing in Section 301.002 of the NPA states that professional nursing “does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.” Therefore, diagnosing the need for and prescribing Botox for a given client is not within the scope of professional nursing. Nothing in the NPA or Board rules, however, preclude a RN from administering Botox that has been appropriately ordered for a specific client by a prescribing physician. A review of Position Statement 15.11 “Delegated Medical Acts” is also recommended, as this is applicable in most situations where a RN is administering Botox. In addition, while Position Statements 15.1 and 15.18 specify that it is permissible to accept orders from Physician Assistants (PAs) and Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs), neither of these groups is permitted to utilize the Board of Medical Examiner’s (BME) Rule 193 on delegated medical acts. APNs must utilize the same delegation rules as other RNs (BNE Chapters 224 and 225). Questions regarding PAs should be addressed to the BME at www.tsbme.state.tx.us.

As with any other nursing action or delegated medical act that the RN chooses to engage in, the RN must utilize good professional judgment and adhere to all applicable sections of the NPA and Board Rules. The main rule applied to RN practice is Rule 217.11, “Standards of Professional Nursing Practice.” The applicable standards may vary with any given situation; however, a number of standards would be generally applicable to this question. Standard number one (#1) is particularly important in relation to RN administration of Botox as the RN’s practice must not only be in compliance with BNE regulations, but with other laws such as those listed in this article. The FDA has limited approved uses for Botox. While a physician may elect to use a pharmaceutical agent for non-FDA approved conditions, RNs are required to “know the rationale for and effects of medications and treatments, and correctly administer the same” [217.11(3)]; therefore, a RN must carefully consider the decision to inject Botox into non-FDA approved sites. A RN’s duty to maintain the client’s safety cannot be superseded by a physician’s order or employer policy [217.11(5)]. Other standards in Rule 217.11 that would likely apply include Standards #12, #13, #18, #20 and #23. The NPA, Board Rules and Positions Statements may be accessed in their entirety on the BNE web site at www.bne.state.tx.us.

Dispensing of dangerous drugs is regulated in Texas by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP). The Texas Pharmacy Act contains corroborating definitions for the above terms (Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §551.003), and includes the assertions that a prescription must be for a specific client (not a group of people). The Pharmacy Act and TSBP Rules may be viewed at www.tsbp.state.tx.us.

RN Delegation Information Packet Available

In response to the changes that took place last February to the Board’s Delegation Rules, BNE staff have compiled material for RNs on the subject of delegation. Information includes frequently asked questions, a conflict resolution model, a resource list, a bridge between the old and new delegation rules, and flow charts and tables illustrating the delegation process. The material is available to interested parties via the BNE website www.bne.state.tx.us. It is anticipated that the delegation information packet will be used by RNs and nursing administrators for educational and procedural activities to create greater clarity on delegation issues.

IMPOSTOR WARNING

If you have any knowledge or information regarding the employment practices of the following individual(s), please contact the Board's Enforcement Division immediately at (512) 305-6838.

DAVID ALEMAN

David Aleman secured employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with a staffing agency in Corpus Christi, Texas, and worked from November 5, 2002 through November 25, 2003. Some time after his employment, Mr. Aleman came in to update his information so that he could work in the local hospitals. He verbally informed the agency that he was a Graduate RN but could not find his license. The Branch Manager contacted the Board office and could not verify this information. The Branch Manager informed Mr. Aleman that he could only work as a LVN until his RN licensure could be verified. On November 17, 2002 and November 22, 2002, Mr. Aleman was sent to a hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas, for an assignment. Upon arrival at the facility, he signed in on the log as a Registered Nurse, rather than LVN. Mr. Aleman was assigned to RN duties, he told another agency nurse that he was a RN, and he signed his name followed by RN on medical records. On November 23, 2002, the house supervisor for the hospital contacted the agency requesting that Mr. Aleman cover a shift that required a RN on duty. The Branch Manager explained that Mr. Aleman was not an RN and could only be sent to fill a LVN position. The house supervisor insisted that Mr. Aleman was a RN and explained that he worked as a RN on two (2) occasions. Mr. Aleman was terminated from his employment with the agency. On December 9, 2002, the agency Branch Manager received a call from a hospital checking references on Mr. Aleman, who was seeking employment as a Graduate Nurse. Mr. Aleman's case was referred to the Corpus Christi Police Department.



CONNIE TIPADO

Connie Tipado presented an altered copy of another RN's license which she had obtained by false pretenses in order to secure employment as a registered nurse with a home health agency in the Dallas area. Ms. Tipado was employed as a Program Representative and a Continuity of Care Nurse with this agency from March 1994 through June 2002. In June 2002, the Director of Human Resources attempted to verify the license provided by Ms. Tipado at the Board's website and discovered that the license was issued to another individual. The Director of Human Resources contacted the Board and learned that Ms. Tipado was not licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. The Board has referred the case to the Dallas County District Attorney's office.



Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses — TPAPN

If you have concerns regarding a nursing colleague's practice related to chemical dependency or mental illness, call TPAPN at 1-800-288-5528 to speak to a nurse case manager. Your call is confidential.

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following registered nurses had disciplinary action taken against their licenses. If you would like to receive additional information regarding the disciplinary action which has been imposed, please send your request to the Board of Nurse Examiners, Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 430, Austin, Texas, 78767-0430.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTION</u>
Abdulmalik, Sarah Sametu	623886	Remedial Education	April 15, 2003
Atrach, Reneta Faye	445742	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Austin, Marvin Duane	670118	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Barclay, Lovetta Gay	553734	Reprimand with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Barry, Ann Marie	608574	Reprimand with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Bass, Kolby Wayne	605982	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Bean, Swanhild C.	594538	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Blain, Frank	636962	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Boggan, Andrea	651142	Remedial Education	April 14, 2003
Boss, Laura Denae	620314	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Bracy, Daniel William	604544	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Bristow, Dianne M.	558540	Warning with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Bueno, Marcela Labuan	588604	Remedial Education	March 3, 2003
Bush, Curtis Morgan	560952	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Callahan, Johnnie Gail	660051	Remedial Education	April 25, 2003
Campbell, Gloria Dawn	571281	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Carpenter, Lisa D.	530868	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Cavazos, Jesusita	571348	Remedial Education	May 28, 2003
Chafin, Ann Morton	646229	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Chan, Richard J.	615203	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Clarke, Carolyn Jeanene	554064	Warning with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Cleverdon, Mary Beth	664969	Remedial Education	April 4, 2003
Cook, David Clarkson	571433	Limited License w/ Stips	April 25, 2003
Cooper, Priscella Kay	223497	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Cornelius, Sue Ellen M. Douglas	524995	Warning with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Corros, Fevie John G.	629392	Remedial Education	May 9, 2003
Cummings, Rebecca Anne	607453	Remedial Education	May 29, 2003
Denison, William Wilson	647291	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Denney, David	654254	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
DeWhitt, Paul T.	521751	Limited License w/Stips	April 25, 2003
Dietz, Sterling C.	525181	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Dressendorfer, April	674331	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Dumit, Sandra Lee	549285	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Dunbar, Shelia	641229	Remedial Education	March 26, 2003
Erle, Sandra	644087	Remedial Education	May 8, 2003
Eversole, Gwendolyn Dianne	571762	Limited License	April 25, 2003
Farley, Virginia Kornman	630627	Remedial Education	March 18, 2003
Fitch, Evon Ingrid	439668	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Fowler, Patricia Ann	606312	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Fowlkes, Robin Renee	609439	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Franklin (Metz), Jennifer Leigh	648955	Remedial Education & Fine	March 6, 2003
Frohlich, Janet Eleanor	588915	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Gans, Karen Abigail	640019	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Gass, Tracey	643143	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Goble, William	642486	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Green, Roger Dale	452565	Remedial Education	May 15, 2003
Green, Lisa Gay	508146	Remedial Education & Fine	February 28, 2003
Grimes, Tairee Ruth	594907	Reprimand with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Gutierrez, Armando	567804	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Hansen, Melanie L.	616332	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Hardin, Jennifer	641015	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Harris, Lorraine Barbara Dewindt	547216	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Harris, Shirley Ann	232971	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Hendrix, Julie	649243	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Hernandez, Mercy	611675	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Herrera, Elizabeth	657218	Remedial Education	April 7, 2003
Higgins, Kelly Lynn	683319	Remedial Education	March 3, 2003
Holmes, Michelle Yvette	575644	Remedial Education	February 24, 2003
Houck (Dreadin), Kelly	643395	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Howard, Deborah J.	251201	Remedial Education & Fine	April 28, 2003

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Huie, Elizabeth Maxine	547675	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Hussain, Judy Kay	589168	Remedial Education	April 7, 2003
Irwin, Karen J.	525950	Remedial Education	May 16, 2003
Johnson, Rosalie	619116	Remedial Education & Fine	March 12, 2003
Johnson, Laura Anne	620045	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Jones, Kelly Denise	585191	Reprimand with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
Keefer, Javier	638599	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Kennedy, Teresa Rose	245289	Suspend/Probate	April 24, 2003
Kern, Brian Robert	656540	Warning	April 24, 2003
Kolb, Barbara Anne	673387	Remedial Education	March 6, 2003
Kracke, Mary Elizabeth	577797	Remedial Education	March 31, 2003
Laremont, Christine Ann	510903	Suspend/Probate	April 24, 2003
Lazarus, Mercy	463128	Reprimand with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Lee-Carruthers, Sonja	618839	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Lentis, Nancy Greathouse	578715	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Luckey, Clydia V.	239302	Remedial Education	April 25, 2003
Madris, Robert	583409	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Marcos, Jesus Salvador	563408	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Marquez, Yolanda Maria	603443	Remedial Education	April 22, 2003
Mars, Lisa Marie	660161	Remedial Education	March 18, 2003
Martin, Joey	652370	Reprimand with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Masdon, Teresa H.	257684	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
McConnell, Michael Shaun	572808	Reprimand with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
McDaniel, Dorothy Leilani	647847	Remedial Education	May 30, 2003
McKenzie, Tonya Edette	640324	Reprimand with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
McKusker, Susan Lynn	559052	Remedial Education	February 24, 2003
McMahon, Deana Jo	554253	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Merriman, Tracie Lynn	563010	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Micker, Louise Ruth	435025	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Miles, Barbara Nell	665880	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Miranda, Leonides	589160	Remedial Education	April 1, 2003
Newton, Mary	643733	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
Oldham, Judith Lynn	596223	Reprimand with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Owen, Jessica Louise	666654	Remedial Education	May 22, 2003
Pedersen, Julie Ann	631586	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
Perez, Archibaldo	638801	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Pittser, Karen	621226	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Prater, La Ree Beth	556505	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Radcliffe, Lorne Joseph	639017	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Ragasa, Norma F.	522428	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Ratliff, Jim Ann	219017	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Ray, Anthony C.	502122	License Revoked	April 25, 2003
Renner, Helen Liane	601907	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Ridgaway, Mona Dell	462446	Remedial Education	April 4, 2003
Rivera, Sandra Maria	445518	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Robinson, Jane Corbin	437488	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Rogers, Rosemary M.	526435	Fine	June 3, 2003
Rolla, Nina Faye	568456	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003
Row, Brenda J.	526691	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Ruiz, Cheryl Ann	655407	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Sandoval, Albert	626927	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Schneider-Belk, Roietta	255754	Remedial Education	May 29, 2003
Scott, Gwenn A.	238191	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 25, 2003
Shafer, Johnny Matthew	644328	Remedial Education	May 27, 2003
Silver, Patty L.	612106	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Smith, Detra Leann	662260	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Smith, Mystic Kay	681962	Suspend/Probate	April 24, 2003
Soltero, Yolanda	614372	Reprimand with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Stahlhut, Clara Owens	602561	Warning with Stipulations	March 11, 2003
Steingrube, Christina Mae	504380	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Stevens, Sydne Ann	597061	Limited License	March 11, 2003
Sundberg, Ronald Carl	565007	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Thompson, Lu Slocum	658270	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003

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Tindall, Suzanne	501817	Warning with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Tonubbee, Kimberly Ann	637472	Reprimand with Stipulations	June 10, 2003
Trudo, Matthew	650733	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Truong, Hoa Lena	548686	Remedial Education	April 10, 2003
Vana, Sandy Susan	627191	License Revoked	May 13, 2003
Vernon, Carol June	657802	License Revoked	June 10, 2003
Watkins, Jamie	651036	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Watson, Deidre D.	535021	License Revoked	April 25, 2003
West, Gary	628965	Remedial Education	May 23, 2003
Whitlock, Nancy Ann Murphy	664492	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Wiggins, Dianne Laurayne	607240	Reprimand with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Wilson, Marc David	677003	Remedial Education	April 3, 2003
Wingate, Mary Anne	501451	Warning with Stipulations	April 24, 2003
Wright, Sherrie Nelson	567913	License Revoked	March 11, 2003
Zogg, Steven W.	246506	Warning with Stipulations	May 13, 2003

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The following individuals have voluntarily surrendered their license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>DATE OF SURRENDER</u>
Adler, Beth Lynne	683092	May 23, 2003
Banker, Darin Gayle	666470	June 2, 2003
Brende, Marti Ann	583416	May 6, 2003
Brock, Cathleen Coyne	603398	April 28, 2003
Brown, Janet Rae	634487	May 29, 2003
Broyles, Sarah Elizabeth	256719	April 28, 2003
Chennault, Elizabeth Gale	250356	April 28, 2003
Cobb, Nancy	657297	June 4, 2003
Collins, Jackie Pearl	250526	March 12, 2003
Crabtree, Ronnie Chad	562207	March 11, 2003
Daniel, Mary Lauretta	553066	May 2, 2003
Daulton, Ellen S.	510206	March 31, 2003
Dietze, Beth Ann	464672	April 28, 2003
Dotson, Jennifer Renee	662391	April 16, 2003
Elmore, Penny Lee	501741	June 3, 2003
Faulkenberry, Judy E. Williams	225603	May 2, 2003
Flowers, Sherri L.	621815	June 6, 2003
Gaddy, Coulter	600934	April 1, 2003
Garza, Kim	646693	April 30, 2003
Gilbreath, Flora Angela	585359	April 22, 2003
Goodson, Kerry Page	562692	May 14, 2003
Grissom, Lenore Louise	516872	March 20, 2003
Gunn, Sarah Kristin	682357	May 7, 2003
Haney, Nicolle Dauphinee	571534	April 14, 2003
Hicks, Sharon Elizabeth	566118	March 18, 2003
Hill, Linda Marie	582852	April 21, 2003
Jones, Carolyn Sue	242123	April 25, 2003
Luckey, James	629587	May 12, 2003
McLarty, Richard	663133	April 14, 2003
Mendoza, Carmen Lina	548346	March 25, 2003
Miraglia, Maria Colleen	680498	April 11, 2003
Palmer, Regina Kay	245331	May 1, 2003
Redmon-Brown, Teresa	657677	March 24, 2003
Robinson, Brenda	651016	May 28, 2003
Thomas, Neva Lou	681888	February 24, 2003
Thomason, Noel Davis	555870	May 6, 2003
Thompson, Shannon Lea	660340	March 3, 2003
Tiffie, Marylon Louise	555886	March 11, 2003
Tungpalan, Erwin Echave	559494	June 5, 2003
Turner, Diana Jean	514054	February 28, 2003

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Vela, Shelley Colene	554344	April 16, 2003
Walker, Christene Ann	607923	April 2, 2003
Williams, Stacy	637495	April 21, 2003
Woodruff, Irma L.	233896	March 24, 2003

Insufficient Funds

As of July 23, 2003, the following nurses appear on the records of the Board of Nurse Examiners as debits for failure to respond to notices of returned checks. Should any of these nurses be employed or seeking employment with your agency/institution, please contact the Board's office. If any of these nurses are practicing in Texas as a registered nurse, they may be in violation of the Nursing Practice Act and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>
Brotherton, Susan	RN694922
Hiett, Martha	TL88174
Hite, Donald	RN536116

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>
Johnson, Vickie	TL87956
Walls, Lillian	RN565105
Wilson, Cynthia	RN689573

Renewing Online by Check

In June, the Board of Nurse Examiners began accepting payment for renewals by electronic checking. Online Payment in this manner requires entry of the checking account numbers preprinted on the bottom of personal checks. On printed checks, the first sequence of numbers from the bottom left corner are the routing numbers. The next block of numbers will be the account number in most cases. Some banks repeat the check number printed in the top right corner of the check before the account number printed in the bottom center of the check. In these cases, the account number must be separated from the check number where only the account number is entered on Texas Online. Be sure to include the zeros that may appear before the account number. In many cases, your account number will be nine digits.

Board staff who process online renewals have received notice from Texas Online that a number of renewals were processed where the electronic payment was not accepted by Texas Online. The biggest problem discovered has been when the checking account number printed on the bottom of a check is entered incorrectly. If the checking account number is missing any digits when it is entered during online renewal, the transaction is rejected. When the transaction is rejected, RNs are required to pay for renewal by check or money order and pay an additional \$15.00 processing fee. Until payment is received licenses remain on invalid status. If you have any questions about how to identify your account number on your check, you should contact your bank prior to renewing online.

Change of Address

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
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SSN: ____/____/____
RN# _____
Today's Date: _____

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 State _____ Zip _____

Workshop Update

Overview of Current Regulations: A Foundation for Safe RN Practice

One workshop addressing nursing jurisprudence issues is currently scheduled:

Austin - August 21, 2003

This workshop has been approved for 7 Type 1 contact hours with a fee of \$80 for pre-registration and \$95 at the door. The subsequent workshops (see schedule below) have been approved for 7 Type 1 contact hours with a fee of \$90 for pre-registration and \$105 at the door.

Registration Information

Via the BNE website, brochures/registration forms will be available. Pre-registration is accepted **no earlier than six weeks** prior to the workshop, and is always encouraged since space is limited. Payment *must* accompany the registration form, so registration cannot be taken by phone, e-mail, or fax. If you are unable to download the brochure from our website, you may request one by contacting us. Our phone number for workshop information is (512) 305-6844 and the e-mail address is Tiffany.Sloane@bne.state.tx.us

2003/2004 Workshop Schedule

Mark your calendars! The tentative* 2003/2004 workshop schedule is presented below. All workshops are a nursing jurisprudence program "Overview of Current Regulations: A Foundation for Safe RN Practice" unless otherwise specified. For registration information, please see the preceding paragraph.

<u>City</u>	<u>Date</u>
Laredo	October '03
Nacogdoches	November '03
"Nursing Education Conference" in Austin†	February '04
Houston	April '04
Dallas	June '04
Ft. Worth	June '04
San Antonio	July '04
Austin	August '04

* Schedule is subject to change and specific dates will be released as facilities are secured.
 † Education Conference fee and contact hours to be determined.

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 - License Verification
 - General Information

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 - Endorsement/Reciprocity
 - Continuing Education for RNs

- ACCOUNTING SERVICES.....(512) 305-6853**
- Returned checks
 - Refunds
 - Debits

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- Computerized RN mailing lists or labels
 - Publications

- NEWSLETTER INFO.....(512) 305-6842**

- WEB Address.....www.bne.state.tx.us**
- Refer e-mail inquiries to:
webmaster@bne.state.tx.us

- ENFORCEMENT.....(512) 305-6838**
- Complaint and disciplinary action inquiries
 - Violations of NPA and rules and regulations
 - Monitoring of disciplined RNs

PROFESSIONAL NURSING

- ADVANCED PRACTICE.....(512) 305-6843**
- APN application and Prescriptive Authority procedures
 - Application Requests.....(512) 305-6867
 (Voice Box Only)

- Initial Authorization to Practice
- Prescriptive Authority

- EDUCATION & EXAM.....(512) 305-6818**
- RN/APN nursing programs
 - Distance Education Initiatives
 - NCLEX-RN applications
 - Graduate Nurse permits
 - Declaratory orders

- NURSING PRACTICE.....(512) 305-6844**
- Nursing practice issues
 - Legislation
 - Workshop Information



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Office Hours and Location

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Change of Address

Notification of change of address as required by Rule 217.7 can be by three different routes: 1. Mail to: Board of Nurse Examiners, PO Box 430, Austin, Texas 78767 ; 2. E-Mail to: webmaster@bne.state.tx.us ; or 3. Fax to: Board of Nurse Examiners (512) 305-7401.

Notifications must include:

1. RN License Number, 2. Social Security Number, 3. Old and New Address, and
4. Your Name.

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