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Performance of Gastric Band Adjustments by RNs

The South Dakota Board of Nursing is authorized by the state of South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 36-9-1.1, to safeguard life, health and the public welfare; and to protect citizens from unauthorized, unqualified and improper application of nursing practices.

The practice of registered nurses, pursuant to SDCL 36-9-3 (14,) allows registered nurses to perform other acts that require education and training consistent with professional standards as prescribed by the board, by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, and commensurate with the registered nurse's education, demonstrated competence, and experience.

The South Dakota Board of Nursing issues opinions as to what constitutes safe nursing practice. As such, an opinion is not a regulation of the Board and does not have the force and effect of law. An opinion is issued as a guideline to licensees who wish to engage in safe nursing practice, and to facilitate the delivery of safe, effective nursing care to the public.

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Purpose

The following guidelines are intended to promote safe care. Registered nurses and institutions are encouraged to also refer to other national standards of practice and evidence based literature to identify additional guidelines or considerations specific to a practice setting or patient population served.

Practice Statement and Guidelines

The South Dakota Board of Nursing affirms that it is within the scope of practice of the Registered Nurse to perform gastric band adjustments provided:

1. The Registered Nurse has completed additional education and has demonstrated competence in performing the procedure; and
2. A Physician/Licensed Independent Practitioner competent in bariatric medicine has examined the patient and determined the amount of solution to add or subtract from the band prior to the trained registered nurse performing the procedure.

References

1. Arizona State Board of Nursing (2010). Advisory Opinion: Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Band (LAGB) Fill. Retrieved June 2010 from <http://www.azbn.gov>.
2. Ohio Board of Nursing (2010). Interpretive Guideline: Role of the Registered Nurse in providing bariatric care by filling and unfilling a client's surgically established gastric banding system. Retrieved June 2011 from <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/Practice.htm>.

Applicable South Dakota Nursing Laws

1. [36-9-3. Practice of registered nurse](#)
2. [20:48:04:01. Scope and standards of nursing practice -- Basic role.](#)