



ADVISORY OPINION # 29

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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of practice of a registered nurse (RN) to administer Vecuronium Bromide and other paralytic agents intravenously?

It is within the role and scope of practice of a RN with additional education and training to administer Vecuronium Bromide and other paralytic agents intravenously in the mechanically ventilated patient or during the process of intubation. Recognizing these responsibilities are an expanded role for the RN. This special education and training should include documented safety practices and other didactic material as well as clinical skill competency components. Written patient specific medical orders are required which indicate mechanical ventilation and safety parameters to be monitored and reported to the Licensed Independent Practitioner or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.