

60-11-104. Functions of the advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse clinician or nurse practitioner. Advanced registered nurse practitioners function in the expanded role of nurse clinician or nurse practitioner, at a specialized level, through the application of advanced knowledge and skills. Each nurse clinician or nurse practitioner shall be authorized to:

- (a) Perform all functions defined for basic nursing practice;
- (b) evaluate the physical and psychosocial health status of the client through a comprehensive health history and physical examination, using skills of observation, inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation, and using diagnostic instruments or laboratory procedures that are basic to the screening of physical signs and symptoms;
- (c) assess normal and abnormal findings from the history, physical examination and laboratory reports;
- (d) plan, implement and evaluate care;
- (e) consult with the client and members of the health care team to provide for acute and ongoing health care or referral of the client;
- (f) manage the medical plan of care prescribed for the client, based on protocols or guidelines adopted jointly by the nurse practitioner and the attending physician;
- (g) initiate and maintain accurate records, appropriate legal documents and other health and nursing care reports;
- (h) develop individualized teaching plans with the client based on overt and covert health needs;
- (i) counsel individuals, families and groups about health and illness and promote health maintenance;
- (j) recognize, develop and implement professional and community educational programs related to health care;
- (k) participate in periodic and joint evaluation of services rendered, including, but not limited to, chart reviews, patient evaluations and outcome of case statistics; and
- (l) participate, when appropriate, in the joint review and revision of adopted protocols or guidelines when the advanced registered nurse practitioner is involved in the medical plan of care.

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