

**65-1158. Duties of registered nurse anesthetists.**

- (a) Upon the order of a physician or dentist requesting anesthesia or analgesia care, each registered nurse anesthetist shall be authorized to:
  - (1) Conduct a pre- and post- anesthesia and pre- and post-analgesia visit and assessment with appropriate documentation;
  - (2) develop a general plan of anesthesia care with the physician or dentist;
  - (3) select the method for administration of anesthesia or analgesia;
  - (4) select or administer appropriate medications and anesthetic agents during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;
  - (5) order necessary medications and tests in the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesia period;
  - (6) induce and maintain anesthesia or analgesia at the required levels;
  - (7) support life functions during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;
  - (8) recognize and take appropriate action with respect to patient responses during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;
  - (9) manage the patient's emergence from anesthesia or analgesia; and
  - (10) participate in the life support of the patient.
- (b) Each registered nurse anesthetist may participate in periodic and joint evaluation of services rendered, including, but not limited to, chart reviews, case reviews, patient evaluation and outcome of case statistics.
- (c) A registered nurse anesthetist shall perform duties and functions in an interdependent role as a member of a physician or dentist directed health care team.

**History:** (L. 1986, ch. 183, § 8; L. 1988, ch. 242, § 4; L. 1996, ch. 179, § 5; L. 2010, ch. 33, § 1; July 1.)