

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 302C.20

SUBJECT: Nurse Protocol Guidelines

SUBMITTED BY: Medical Association of Atlanta and Walker Catoosa Dade Medical Society

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee C

1 Whereas, "Guidelines" as used in the Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB) Rules (in the Nurse
2 Protocol Agreement Template) or "evidence based guidelines" as used in the Medical Practice Act (43-
3 34-25 g.1) are not defined in the Rules and the Law; and

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5 Whereas, the lack of definition for these terms creates confusion for delegating physicians and the nurse
6 practitioners they supervise; and

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8 Whereas, the Delegating Physician is responsible for all medical acts performed by the APRN (Rule 360-
9 32-.05 (4)), and the delegating physician needs to know what he has delegated and how to best monitor it;
10 now therefore be it

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12 **RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) advocate for the Georgia Composite**
13 **Medical Board to adopt a definition of “guidelines” that states, “Written clinical protocols**
14 **describing the use of the accumulation of signs and symptoms based on nursing history, evaluation**
15 **and assessment supported by supportive laboratory and/or radiologic/radiographic evidence which**
16 **allows the entry of the Delegating Physician's medical diagnosis into the medical record. From this,**
17 **the treatment protocol may be followed as described in the reference source, in its latest and most**
18 **current edition as may be delegated by the Delegating Physician.” A copy of these guidelines should**
19 **be required to be maintained at each practice site where patients are seen.**

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AMA Policy
None

MAG Policy
None