

OCCUPATIONS CODE

TITLE 3. HEALTH PROFESSIONS

SUBTITLE B. PHYSICIANS

CHAPTER 172. PROVISION OF ELECTIVE INTRAVENOUS THERAPY

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 172.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" has the meaning assigned by Section 301.152.

(2) "Elective intravenous therapy" means a procedure:

(A) to administer fluids, nutrients, medications, or blood directly into a patient's bloodstream through a vein;

(B) that is sought by the patient to alleviate symptoms of temporary discomfort or improve temporary wellness; and

(C) that is not administered in:

(i) a physician's office;

(ii) a health facility licensed under Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code;

(iii) a mental hospital licensed under Chapter 577, Health and Safety Code; or

(iv) a hospital maintained or operated by this state.

(3) "Physician assistant" means a person who holds a license issued under Chapter 204.

(4) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed by the Texas Board of Nursing to practice professional nursing.

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SUBCHAPTER B. ELECTIVE INTRAVENOUS THERAPY

Sec. 172.051. DELEGATION OF PRESCRIBING OR ORDERING ELECTIVE INTRAVENOUS THERAPY. (a) A physician may delegate the act of prescribing or ordering elective intravenous therapy to:

(1) a physician assistant acting under adequate

physician supervision; or

(2) an advanced practice registered nurse acting under adequate physician supervision.

(b) A physician may delegate the act of administering elective intravenous therapy to:

(1) a physician assistant acting under adequate physician supervision;

(2) an advanced practice registered nurse acting under adequate physician supervision; or

(3) a registered nurse acting under adequate physician supervision.

(c) A physician's authority to delegate the act of prescribing or ordering elective intravenous therapy is subject to Subchapter B, Chapter 157.

(d) A prescriptive authority agreement relating to elective intravenous therapy is included in the maximum number of prescriptive authority agreements authorized under Section 157.0512(c). The exception provided in Section 157.0512(d) does not apply to a prescriptive authority agreement relating to elective intravenous therapy.

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