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**ANA'S NEWLY REVISED SCOPE & STANDARDS FOR NURSING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS 10 YEARS OF EVOLUTION SINCE LAST EDITION**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – ANA and co-publisher National Nursing Staff Development Organization announced this month the release of *Nursing Professional Development: Scope and Standards of Practice*, the long-awaited update of a key resource for a dynamic and complex practice specialty. Previous editions have conceived nursing professional development primarily by its overlapping and equivalent practice domains: staff development, continuing education, and academia.

Major transformations in nursing professional development practice (NPD) have been underway since the previous edition published in 2000. Within the continuing education and academic domains, technology has changed the learning environment and the potential target audiences. Once locally or regionally defined, the target audience—the NPD specialist—is now global. The newly revised, *Nursing Professional Development: Nursing Scope and Standards*, reflects the complex and rapidly developing factors that influence its current and future practice: globalization, dynamic practice environments, evidence-based practice, and the technologies of nursing and health care.

This revision also reflects that nursing professional development practice varies depending on the knowledge and experience of the individual specialist and the scope of the practice setting.

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Accordingly, the specialty is addressed from a broad, deep perspective, which is grounded on the understanding that specialists will operationalize their NPD role based on their specific position within a particular setting while practicing within the defined scope and standards. The goal of this new edition is to create a dynamic trajectory for the future of nursing professional development.

This book is a foundational volume that articulates the essentials of this specialty, its accountabilities and activities—the who, what, when, where, and how of its practice—at all practice levels and settings. It remains a core resource for all nurses who have chosen to focus their professional life in this area. (It is also a key reference for the NPD certification exam of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.)

While *Nursing Professional Development: Scope and Standards of Practice* is a reference guide and primarily for practicing nurses and nursing faculty and students, it is also an essential source for others in related areas of professional development, healthcare providers, researchers, and scholars, along with those involved in funding, legal, policy, and regulatory activities.

Press copies for media contacts are available upon request by contacting Francine Bennett at [francine.bennett@ana.org](mailto:francine.bennett@ana.org). Educators interested in reviewing this book for course adoption should also send email to above email address.

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