## **ASRT Professional Practice Resources**

## **Practice Standards**

The practice standards de ne the practice and establish general and speci c criteria to determine compliance.

Practice standards are authoritative statements established by the profession for judging the quality of practice, service and education. Professional practice constantly changes as a result of a number of factors including technological advances, market and economic forces, and statutory and regulatory mandates.

For all medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals, aspects of professional practice can vary throughout the United States. Community custom, state statute or regulation may dictate local practice parameters there is a con ict between these standards and state or local statutes and regulations, the state or local statutes and regulations supersede these standards Recognizing this, the profession has adopted standards that are purposely broad in nature.

Practice standards and scopes of practice can be the document that states, institutions and legal advisors use to assess the appropriateness of practice.

## **Scopes of Practice**

Scopes of practice delineate the parameters of practice, identify the boundaries for practice and typically are formatted as lists of tasks that are appropriate to include as part of the work of an individual who is educationally prepared and clinically competent for that profession.

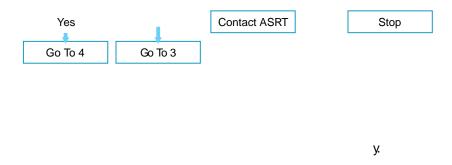
Each scope of practice is limited to that which the law allows for speci c education, experience and demonstrated competency. Many states have laws, licensing bodies and regulations that describe requirements for education and training and de ne scopes of practice for professions.

It is important to note that even though scopes of practice are often lists of tasks, they should be worded broadly. A scope of practice may include the statement: Starting and maintaining intravenous (IV) access. This is a broad statement and does not say how to do the task or which devices to use. Those speci cs may be determined by the institutional policy and may vary from facility to facility.

If the ASRT House of Delegates decides there is a need for further clari cation about a speci c type of IV access, then an advisory opinion statement can be developed.

## **Advisory Opinion Statements**

Advisory opinion statements are interpretations of the practice standards. They are intended for



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- 5. Do you prsonally possescurrenclinical competence operform the acta fely?
- 6. Is the performance of the act within the accepted standard of care peared to acpte the consequences of your ctarons?

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Perform the act based upon valid order when necessary and in accordance with appropriately established institutional policies and procedures

Assume accountability for providing safe care

Notify appropriate person/people