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## **Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) Organization Releases Specialty Practice Standards in Effort to Establish National Clinical Guidelines**

Scottsdale, Arizona - The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP) has defined practice standards that establish national clinical guidelines based on practice analysis data completed by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner Certifying Board (AANPCB, 2016). The practice standards identified describe emergency nurse practitioners' clinical knowledge, skills and competencies, and serve as the foundation for the ENP certification by examination established in 2017. The full document is available at: [https://www.aaenp-natl.org/assets/docs/practice\\_standards\\_for\\_the\\_emergency\\_nurse\\_practitioner.pdf](https://www.aaenp-natl.org/assets/docs/practice_standards_for_the_emergency_nurse_practitioner.pdf)

“These standards encompass competencies, clinical guidelines, and evaluation details for our industry and together provide the underpinnings for educational curricula (graduate and post-graduate fellowships) for ENPs,” says Andrea Smith-Brooks, DNP, FNP-BC, and President Elect of AAENP. “We are delighted that these practice standards are now complete and available to ENPs nationwide.”

“Further specialty practice standards define the provision of competent care and foundations of patient care management for specialty practice, and support evaluation of clinical proficiencies by measurable outcomes that can be used to assess evolving clinical abilities” (AAENP, 2018), says Ken Stackhouse, APRN, MBA, MSN, FNP-C, ENP-BC, and President of AAENP.

Practice standards may be utilized in many ways: in hospital credentialing for delineation of privileges, by department leaders and quality reviewers for individual assessment of performance, by State Boards of Nursing for licensure, graduate faculty curricula developers, and clinical leaders developing post-graduate training programs. Delineation of ENP practice standards establishes a baseline for clinical ENP privileges, organizational on-boarding, evaluation, education, and training for hospitals, clinical practice leaders and quality assurance teams.

### **About AAENP:**

AAENP is the specialty organization representing the approximately 16,000 nurse practitioners in the emergency setting nationwide (AANP, 2019). The organization's commitment to promote high quality, evidenced-based practice for nurse practitioners providing emergency care within an interdisciplinary team is demonstrated in the development of specialty practice standards.

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