



Alabama Board of Nursing

Otolaryngology Specialty

The Otolaryngology Specialty Protocol for Collaborative Practice Nursing lists the skills/procedures below that are approved to apply for through an application process. The application and instructions are available on the ABN website at [Otolaryngology Protocol Application](#).

Practice Settings: Restricted to Otolaryngology practice

Population Foci: Family, Adult Acute Care, Adult Gerontology/Acute Care, Adult/Gerontology Primary Care, Gerontology, Pediatric, and Pediatric Acute Care

Initial Requirements:

1. CRNP has worked in the clinical setting of otolaryngology for no less than six months prior to making a request to train.
2. CRNP has observed no fewer than 150 of each procedure requested (including normal/abnormal tissue distinction) prior to requesting authorization to train to perform the procedure.
3. Collaborating physician completes a request to train after the observation period is completed.

Procedures included:

1. Flexible Fiberoptic Diagnostic Laryngoscopy/Stroboscopy
2. Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy
3. Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy (flexible and rigid)

| Requirement Prior to Requesting to Train | Initial Requirement for Certification | Annual Maintenance Requirement |
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| Observation of no fewer than 150 of each procedure requested | Perform and document 25 proctored procedures | Perform and document no fewer than 25 proctored procedures yearly |

*****Supervised practice must be submitted within one year of approval to train.***