Alabama Board of Nursing
Urology Specialty Protocol

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UROLOGY SPECIALTY PROTOCOL: The CRNP scope of practice includes: the evaluation of patients for appropriateness of treatment, developing individualized treatment plans, ordering appropriate urological procedures in accordance with the treatment plan, monitoring and following up to assess procedure effectiveness, managing and addressing any adverse reactions, and modifying treatment plans as needed in accordance with established guidelines and standards within the collaborative practice.

PHYSICIAN REQUIREMENTS:

- The collaborating physician must submit a request to train the CRNP to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

APPLICATION LINK: Urology Specialty Protocol Application

POPULATION FOCI EXCLUSIONS: Neonatal and Psychiatric-Mental Health CRNPs, and Certified Nurse-Midwives

LIMITATIONS:

- Urological procedures may only be performed in a urology practice setting.

EDUCATION/COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- The CRNP and collaborating physician will participate in ongoing education and training sufficient to maintain and enhance competency in urological procedures.
- The CRNP must maintain, on file, readily retrievable documentation of procedures performed annually, including the documented training, education, and competency validation.
- CRNPs requesting Xiaflex injections must be enrolled in the Xiaflex REMS program.
- CRNPs requesting testosterone pellet insertion must submit hormone replacement/pellet insertion training certificate.

Training Requirements for Urological Procedure(s)

- After approval to train is granted, training is required under the direction/ observation of the collaborating or covering physician
- ***Supervised practice must be submitted to the Board within one (1) year of approval to train, or the approval to train will lapse.***

Procedure	Number Required for Initial	Annual Maintenance Requirement
Cystoscopy with Ureteral Stent Removal	**30** supervised procedures	No less than **15** procedures annually

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Cystoscopy with Foley Catheter Placement	**10** supervised procedures	No less than **5** procedures annually
Diagnostic Cystoscopy	**100** supervised procedures	No less than **50** procedures annually
Priapism Reversal	**10** supervised procedures	No less than **5** procedures annually
Xiaflex Injection	**10** supervised procedures	No less than **2** procedures annually
Transrectal Ultrasound	**10** supervised procedures	No less than **5** procedures annually
Transrectal Ultrasound with Prostate Biopsy	**50** supervised procedures	No less than **20** procedures annually
Testosterone Pellet Insertion (PA only, RN scope of practice)	**10** supervised procedures	No less than **5** procedures annually

QUALITY ASSURANCE MONITORING REQUIRED: Documented evaluation of the clinical practice (high risk/problem prone skill) against defined quality outcome measures, using a meaningful selected sample of patient records and a review of all adverse events [ABN Administrative Code § 610-X-.01(13)].

- All adverse outcomes must be documented, incorporated into quality assurance monitoring and reviews, and reported to the collaborating and/or covering physician in a timely manner.
- Quality assurance monitoring must demonstrate monitoring of a representative sample of urological procedures performed under this protocol

NOTES:

- Training may not begin until the CRNP receives written approval from the Alabama Board of Nursing, and the physician must receive written approval from the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.