



AAENP Releases Position Statement Highlighting New Vision for the Emergency Nurse Practitioner Role

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – For the nearly 17,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) providing emergency care in the United States, significant practice challenges including employment, licensure, and credentialing exist because the scope of ENP practice is not entirely encompassed within one of the currently defined six population foci of the Consensus Model for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Regulation's (2008) recommendations. In response to continued confusion, AAENP has recently released the position statement “Reenvisioning the Emergency Nurse Practitioner Role.” The full document is available at: https://www.aaenp-natl.org/assets/Role%20Position%20Statement_Final.pdf.

“We started as a specialty, according to the consensus model, but our practice has rapidly evolved. Due to the changing environment and unique patient needs, we are clearly now a significantly differentiated population,” says Wesley Davis, DNP, ENP-C, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, FAANP and President-Elect of AAENP. “We are excited to begin the conversations regarding the pathway to ENP population.”

Andrea Smith-Brooks, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, ENP-C, and current AAENP President remarked, “As the expert and unified voice for nurse practitioners in emergency care, AAENP has worked to provide the underpinnings for educational preparation and scope of practice for NPs in emergency care settings. This body of work will provide the foundation for building our future.”