

Crosswalk Between AANA Nurse Anesthesia Scope of Practice and COA Standards¹

Element of Scope of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	COA Standard that Addresses Element
Preoperative / Preprocedure	
Provide patient education and counseling	D.25, D.26, D.27, D.28, D.29, E.2.1, E.2.2
Perform a comprehensive history and physical examination, assessment and evaluation	D.8, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Conduct a preanesthesia assessment and evaluation	D.15, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Develop a comprehensive patient-specific plan for anesthesia, analgesia, multimodal pain management, and recovery	D.17, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Obtain informed consent for anesthesia and pain management	D.25, D.26, D.27, E.2.1, E.2.2
Select, order, prescribe and administer preanesthetic medications, including controlled substances	D.9, D.10, D.11, D.12, D.33, D.34, D.35, D.36, D.37, E.2.1, E.2.2 and clinical experience requirements
Intraoperative / Intraprocedure	
Implement a patient-specific plan of care, which may involve anesthetic techniques, such as general, regional and local anesthesia, sedation, and multimodal pain management	D.5, D.9, D.10, D.11, D.12, D.17, E.2.1, E.2.2 and clinical experience requirements
Select, order, prescribe and administer anesthetic medications, including controlled substances, adjuvant drugs, accessory drugs, fluids, and blood products	D.9, D.20, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements

Select and insert invasive and noninvasive monitoring modalities (e.g., central venous access, arterial lines, cerebral oximetry, bispectral index monitor, transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE))	D.19 E.2.1, E.2.2 and clinical experience requirements
Postoperative / Postprocedure	
Facilitate emergence and recovery from anesthesia	D.5, D.6, D.7, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Select, order, prescribe and administer postanesthetic medications, including controlled substances	D.11, D.12, E.2.1, E.2.2
Conduct postanesthesia evaluation	E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Educate the patient related to recovery, regional analgesia and continued multimodal pain management	D.25, D.26, D.27, D.28, D.29, E.2.1, and E.2.2
Discharge from the postanesthesia care area or facility	D.29, E.2.1, E.2.2
Pain Management	
Provide comprehensive patient-centered pain management to optimize recovery.	D.5, D.6, D.7, D.11, D.17, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Provide acute pain services, including multimodal pain management and opioid-sparing techniques	D.5, D.6, D.7, D.11, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Provide anesthesia and analgesia using regional techniques for obstetric and other acute pain management	D.5, D.6, D.7, D.9, D.10, D.11, D.12, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Provide advanced pain management, including acute, chronic, and interventional pain management	D.5, D.6, D.7, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Other Services	

Prescribe medications, including controlled substances (e.g., pain management, medication-assisted treatment, adjuvants to psychotherapy)	D.33, D.34, D.35, D.36, D.37, D.39, E.2.1, and E.2.2
Provide emergency, critical care, and resuscitation services	D.1, D.2, D.3, D.4, D.12, E.2.1, and E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Perform advanced airway management	D.12, D.21, D.22, E.2.1, and E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Perform point-of-care testing	D.19 E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Order, evaluate, and interpret diagnostic laboratory and radiological studies (e.g., chest x-ray, 12-lead EKG, TEE)	D.19, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Use and supervise the use of ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and other technologies for diagnosis and care delivery	D.19, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Provide sedation and pain management for palliative care	D.25, D.26, D.27, D.28, D.29, E.2.1, E.2.2, and clinical experience requirements
Order consults, treatments or services related to the patient's care (e.g., physical and occupational therapy)	D.25, D.26, D.27, D.28, D.29, E.2.1, E.2.2

¹Many of the element found in Table 1 of the AANA Scope of Nurse Anesthesia Practice can be crosswalked to the glossary definitions in the COA Standards for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs Practice Doctorate.