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#130 Resolution  
1988 Convention

MAIN MOTION OR AMENDMENTS

Date: 10/18/88

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TOPIC: The Training and Supervision of RCTs

SUBMITTED BY: Functional Unit of Direct Care Practitioners

Whereas, the 1988 Voting Body of NYSNA has adopted a resolution to oppose the formation of the registered care technologist (RCT), another health care worker which will further fragment the health care system; and

Whereas, this resolution further mandates that NYSNA support "the concept that the delivery of bedside nursing care to patients in all health care settings is, and shall remain, the responsibility of the nursing profession;" and

Whereas, the AMA proposed calling for the formation of the RCT, a new category of bedside caregiver, states that "the RCT would be accountable for physician orders for patient care... and would report to the head of the unit where they are assigned" but does not designate who is the unit head; therefore be it

RESOLVED that this Voting Body recommends to the NYSNA Board of Directors that a position statement be developed on

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Maker of Motion

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the inappropriateness of requiring nurses to train and supervise RCTs; and be it further

RESOLVED that this position statement be widely promulgated to the medical community and to all health care providers and organizations.

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1.02 TOPIC: Nurses in Private Practice

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1.04 SUBMITTED BY: Gerontological Nursing Clinical Practice Unit

1.05

1.06 Whereas, an increasing number of registered professional  
1.07 nurses are meeting health care needs in the  
1.08 community by providing professional nursing  
1.09 services to clients in their homes and

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1.11 Whereas, some nurses in community health private practice  
1.12 share their office facilities and/or practice with  
1.13 one or more nurses and

1.14

1.15 Whereas, these practices by professional nurses are ex-  
1.16 tremely cost-effective and

1.17

1.18 Whereas, the New York State regulation relating to the  
1.19 issuance of home care services agency licenses,  
1.20 765-2.1 (c) states, "the following are exempt from  
1.21 licensure under this Part and Article 36 of the  
1.22 Public Health Law: (4) sole practitioners of  
1.23 nursing licensed pursuant to article 139 of the  
1.24 Education Law."

2.00

2.01 Whereas, professional nurses practicing in these situations  
2.02 are not reimbursed by any state or federal funds  
2.03 (Medicare or Medicaid) but are reimbursed for  
2.04 their services directly by the patient or family  
2.05 and

2.06

2.07 Whereas, physicians in private practice as professional  
2.08 corporations are not required to be licensed by  
2.09 the New York State Department of Health, therefore  
2.10 be it

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2.12 RESOLVED that the New York State Nurses Association will  
2.13 endeavor to have the word "sole" removed from the  
2.14 above mentioned legislation on the basis that it  
2.15 is unduly restrictive and discriminatory to the  
2.16 practice of professional nursing in the State of  
2.17 New York.

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2.19 LAK/kac

2.20 9/21/88



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1.00 TOPIC: Registered Care Technologist (RCT)  
1.01  
1.02 SUBMITTED BY: Council on Ethical Practice  
1.03 Council on Nursing Practice  
1.04  
1.05 WHEREAS, the American Nurses' Association's (ANA) 1988  
1.06 House of Delegates moved to monitor, review and  
1.07 oppose all national and state policy formation,  
1.08 legislative efforts and funding designed to create  
1.09 new health care personnel and/or to substitute  
1.10 unqualified personnel for qualified practitioners  
1.11 of nursing; and  
1.12  
1.13 WHEREAS, the American Medical Association's (AMA) 1988  
1.14 House of Delegates proposed the creation of a new  
1.15 category of licensed health care workers (Regis-  
1.16 tered Care Technologist - RCT) to substitute for  
1.17 nurses at the bedside and execute medical proto-  
1.18 cols with a special emphasis on technology; and  
1.19  
1.20 WHEREAS, the profession of nursing recognizes that the  
1.21 current nursing shortage is serious, and shares  
1.22 with our colleagues in medicine concern that this  
1.23 shortage of prepared bedside caregivers is jeopar-  
1.24 dizing the quality of health care; and  
1.25  
1.26 WHEREAS, the health care needs of patients are becoming  
1.27 more complex and care decisions require knowledge  
1.28 and judgment; and  
1.29  
1.30 WHEREAS, there is a limited pool of potential personnel  
1.31 willing to work in the health care industry; and

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2.00  
2.01 WHEREAS, training, licensure and registration of a new  
2.02 group of "Registered Care Technologists" would be  
2.03 costly and difficult to coordinate into the  
2.04 existing system; and  
2.05  
2.06 WHEREAS, professional nursing organizations are addressing  
2.07 the short term as well as the long term solutions  
2.08 to the current nursing shortage; therefore be it  
2.09  
2.10 RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association opposes  
2.11 the American Medical Association's proposal for  
2.12 the formation of the Registered Care Technologist;  
2.13 be it further  
2.14  
2.15 RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association sup-  
2.16 ports the concept that the delivery of bedside  
2.17 nursing care to patients in all health care  
2.18 settings is, and shall remain, the responsibility  
2.19 of the nursing profession; be it further  
2.20  
2.21 RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association will  
2.22 collaborate with our colleagues in health care to  
2.23 reject this ill-advised RCT proposal and to  
2.24 implement more practical solutions to the current  
2.25 shortage, ones that will ensure the safety of the  
2.26 public entrusted to our care.  
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2.28 CEP/CNP/kac  
2.29 9/26/88

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NYSNA 1988 VOTING BODY

OCTOBER 17, 1988

Immediately following the 1989 ANA House of Delegates, the NYSNA Board of Directors shall evaluate the status of the membership issue as reflected in the COAR Report and any related action(s) of the ANA House of Delegates on membership requirements.

If the NYSNA Board of Directors determines that the COAR Report and/or House of Delegates action(s) does not preserve the previous membership base consisting exclusively of RNs for ANA and the SNAs, the NYSNA Board of Directors is authorized to present to the 1989 NYSNA Voting Body necessary resolutions and bylaw amendments as necessary for the NYSNA membership consideration.