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New Scope and Standards for RNs Caring for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

SILVER SPRING, MD – Nurses whose practice specialty focuses on the intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) population face specialized challenges and opportunities. This unique client population is present in all communities and healthcare settings, and caring for them requires the specialized expertise of nurse practitioners.

*Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice*, the newest specialty scope and standards document from the American Nurses Association, provides the framework for IDD nursing. Its scope of practice describes the who, what, where, when, why, and how of IDD nursing practice. The 16 standards are those by which all IDD RNs are held accountable for in their practice. Each standard is measurable by a set of specific competencies that serve as evidence of minimal compliance with that standard.

This comprehensive guide is a must-have for IDD nursing practitioners, educators, students, and others in the nursing profession. It is also a valuable resource for other healthcare providers, researchers and scholars in this area as well as employers, insurers, lawyers, regulators, policy makers, and stakeholders.

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