ANA and the American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses Update *Plastic Surgery Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice, 2nd Edition*

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses (ASPSN) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) have released a new second edition of the specialty standard for plastic surgery nurses. This concise guide to contemporary plastic surgery nursing practice contains up-to-date information for RNs practicing in this nursing specialty and defines the level of nursing practice and professional performance for plastic surgery nurses at all practice levels and in all settings.

Plastic and reconstructive surgery is a growing trend in the U.S. Advancements in the field are making procedures more attractive options to an increasing number of Americans. With this growing trend, there is a growing demand for nurses working in this specialty. Plastic surgery nurses assist in pre-op education and procedures with patients, assist during the actual procedures, and also care for patients during the post-op and recovery period.

Co-author, Marcia Spear, DNP, ACNP-BC, CWS, CPSN, Department of Plastic Surgery, Vanderbilt University Medical Center noted “Plastic and reconstructive surgery can help restore appearance and, at the same time, self-esteem. With the growing trend in the US to maintain beauty and a youthful appearance, more nonsurgical aesthetic enhancement procedures are being performed. She added, “Plastic surgery nurses are now performing many of these procedures under the supervision of a physician. The new edition has defined this new specialized role of nursing practice and clearly defined competencies have been incorporated into the standards of practice.”

This is a must-have title for plastic surgery nursing practitioners, educators, students, researchers and others directly involved in plastic surgery. Employers, insurers, lawyers, regulators, policy makers and stakeholders will find value in referencing this publication.
About ANA’s Specialty Nursing Standards

ANA represents the interests of the nation’s 3.1 million RNs. Since the late 1990s, ANA has partnered with other nursing organizations to establish a formal process for recognition of specialty areas of nursing practice. This includes the criteria for approving the specialty itself and the scope statement and an acknowledgment by ANA of the standards of practice for that specialty. Because of the significant changes in the evolving nursing and healthcare environments, ANA’s approval of specialty nursing scope statements and its acknowledgment of specialty standards of practice remain valid for five years, starting from the publication date of the documents. Learn more at www.nursingworld.org.

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