§ 36-9-3.1. Functions performed by nurse anesthetist--Collaboration with physician: Registered and Practical Nurses

In addition to the practice of a registered nurse, as defined in § 36-9-3, and within the certified registered nurse anesthetist role, a certified registered nurse anesthetist may:

1. Conduct an advanced comprehensive nursing assessment;
2. Order and interpret diagnostic procedures;
3. Develop and initiate a patient-specific anesthesia or pain management plan of care and therapeutic regimen;
4. Prescribe, procure, administer, and furnish pharmacological agents in connection with anesthesia practice or pain management, including over the counter, legend, and controlled drugs or substances listed on Schedule II in chapter 34-20B;
5. Prescribe nonpharmacological interventions;
6. Refer patients to health care agencies, health care providers, or community resources; and
7. Complete and sign official documents required by law.

The certified registered nurse anesthetist shall collaborate with a physician, a dentist, a podiatrist, a certified nurse practitioner, a certified nurse midwife, or a physician assistant when providing anesthesia services.

The certified registered nurse anesthetist shall collaborate with other health care providers when engaging in chronic pain practice.

The certified registered nurse anesthetist shall refer or transfer patients, as appropriate.

The board shall promulgate rules in accordance with chapters 1-26 and 36-9 for the implementation of prescriptive authority within the role of the certified registered nurse anesthetist, the use of radiography, and the specific procedures for pain management.