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Infusion Nurses Society Releases Highly Anticipated *Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice*

NORWOOD, MA – Infusion Nurses Society, an international nonprofit organization representing infusion nurses and other clinicians who are engaged in the specialty infusion therapy, released their 8th edition of *Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice*. Revised and released every 5 years, the *Standards* provides the framework to define and develop infusion-based policies and procedures for all practice settings.

Infusion therapy is universal in health care; therefore, the *Standards* was written to reflect global practice. For clinicians responsible for delivery of patient-centered infusion care, the *Standards* offer support to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

Each *Standard* was reviewed and revised based on the most recent evidence and research at the time of publication, and this edition was no exception. The committee reviewed more than 2,500 sources of literature. The reason for this? Adherence to the *Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice*, promotes consistency in patient care, guides clinical decision-making, and enhances competency.

The 2021 *Standards* also addresses crisis standard of care, strategies designed to help organizations and health care professionals deliver the best possible care in circumstances in which resources are severely limited and health care standards are compromised.

“We included strategies to deal with a crisis, such as a pandemic, when the goal is to do the greatest good for the most people,” said Mary Alexander, CEO of Infusion Nurses Society, and Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation. “When implemented, they offer the best alternative practices to ensure safe care to the patient and protection for the clinician.”

Since 1973, INS has continued its commitment to bringing innovative resources and learning opportunities to the wide range of health care professionals involved in the specialty practice of infusion therapy. INS is dedicated to advancing the delivery of quality infusion therapy to patients, enhancing the specialty through stringent standards of practice and professional ethics, and promoting research and education in the infusion nursing practice.

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