Scope of Practice Principles
Changes in Healthcare Professions Scope of Practice: Legislative Considerations
National consensus document by 6 national associations of state health licensing boards, 1997

• The purpose of regulation – public protection – should have top priority in scope of practice decisions, rather than professional self-interest

• Changes in scope of practice are inherent in our current healthcare system

• Collaboration between health care providers should be the professional norm

• Overlap among professions is necessary

• Practice acts should require licensees to demonstrate that they have the requisite training and competence to provide a service