

# 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