PNA’S POSITION STATEMENT
[ON PRBON’S RESOLUTION NO 38 SERIES OF 2016]

We, IN THE PNA, ARE IN ACCORD WITH THE PRBON’S RESOLUTION NO. 38 SERIES OF 2016 [i.e. PRESCRIBING NEW RULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT IN INTRAVENOUS THERAPY FOR NURSES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE BOARD OF NURSING RESOLUTION NO. 08, s. of 1994]

It is now crystal clear that IVT Training and/or Certification shall not be mandatory for employment and/or promotion. This resolution from the PRBON is a statement to all that the PRBON are very much aware and responsive of what is going on with the Nursing Sector. It is a strong signal to those who will continue to ignore these new rules prescribed by the PRBON and who will be found culpable of such practice that they shall be prosecuted and punish pursuant to under the provisions of RA 9173, the Revised Penal Code and the Civil Code, if any.”

Although they recognize that IVT Training or Certification is a plus factor being an added credential, however as the PRBON said it must not be a mandatory requirement before getting hired and/or promoted.

The PRBON with the issuance of aforementioned Resolution No. 38 has also clarified that since January 21, 2011, the PRBON Resolution No. 08, Series of 1994 has been rendered null and void because of the Repealing Clause of the new nursing law or RA 9173.

The PRBON also emphasized that since 2009 the basic intravenous therapy training has already been incorporated in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum by virtue of CHED Memorandum Order No. 14, s. of 2009 so it is expected of Nurses to possess the basic competencies in intravenous therapy, being an integral component of the BSN curriculum.

Nevertheless as they say, hospitals and healthcare institutions, if they desire, may employ such tests as may be necessary to verify the level of the nurse’s competency or skills on intravenous therapy prior to hiring. Thereafter, If the nurse demonstrates basic competence in intravenous therapy, no further training shall be required of the nurse.

1 An act providing for a more responsive nursing profession, repealing for the purpose RA 7164 known as the “Phil. Nursing Act of 1991 and for other purposes. This act shall be known as the “Phil. Nursing Act of 2002”

2 Resolution No. 08, Series of 1994 requiring all nurses who are to administer “intravenous injections” to undergo a special training therein at least under a nursing administrator who is a member of the Association of Nursing Administrators of the Philippines (ANSAP) and who is qualified under Section 28, Article V of R.A. No. 7164]
Otherwise, the hospital or healthcare institution shall provide or offer such training at no expense to the nurse.

We should be happy also that said PRBON Resolution has now institutionalized the “in service training”. As mentioned in the said resolution, “special training for IVT, if any, shall now be provided by the Hospital/Institution at no cost to the Nurses as part of their in service training”.

Finally, it has also been clarified that training on IVT has NO EXCLUSIVITY. It shall be provided or offered by providers accredited by the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council for Nursing and they shall issue certification upon completion of the said training.

*Mabuhay ang Pilipinong Nars! God bless us all!*  

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3PR-BON Resolution 31, Series 2015 Annex A states that "In-Service Training Program” shall refer to any training program offered by hospitals or training institutions AT NO COST to its employed nurses to enhance and upgrade their clinical competencies, and to address the needs of the hospital or healthcare institution for efficient, effective and responsive delivery of healthcare services.”