Position Statement Proposal Guideline

Please review and use the Algorithm for Determining Position Statement on the next page to determine if your proposed position statement would be approved. If you feel it would be approved, use the PICO Guideline to write about the topic. Use the questions to describe and expand upon the topic. Include references as needed.

PICO Guideline

**P - Problem.** What is the problem or question that will be addressed by the position statement?

**I - Ideas, Issues.** What ideas have other organizations communicated on this topic? What ideas/evidence is in the literature? Is this topic a core competency or expert practice of the medical surgical nurse? Is this topic relevant to current issues in healthcare?

**C - Complete, Complement, Compatible.** How would publishing a position statement create a more complete or better understanding of medical surgical nursing? Is this topic compatible with the mission, vision, values, and goals of AMSN as delineated in the AMSN Strategic Plan?

**O - Outcome.** How will writing a position statement help AMSN members, other professional organizations, the public and other stakeholders better understand the practice, expertise and professionalism of medical surgical nurses?

Submit a new position statement proposal

Submit a new position statement proposal, using these guidelines, to amsn@ajj.com with the subject line New AMSN Position Statement Proposal. Your proposed position statement will be reviewed by the AMSN Board of Directors (Board). If approval is given, the Board will authorize the development of a new position statement and delineate responsibility as appropriate to an individual or volunteer unit and a board liaison. The position statement will be posted on the AMSN website for 30 days for member comment. The Board will review the member comments and edit the position statement if necessary. The edited position statement will continue through the Board approval and member comment process again, until approved.
Algorithm for Determining Position Statement

Does the position statement already exist through AMSN? (See amsn.org)

Yes  →  Stop

No  →  Is topic relevant to med-surg practice?

Yes  →  Stop

No  →  Is the topic timely and enduring?

Yes  →  Can you find a similar position statement through another nursing organization?

No  →  Stop

Yes  →  Is the position statement consistent with the mission/vision of AMSN? See amsn.org

No  →  Stop

Yes  →  Propose link to organization

Complete attached proposal guideline and submit to the AMSN Board of Directors for review.