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**MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

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## MRC Scope of Practice: Nurse Practitioner

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**Purpose:** To define the scope of practice for volunteer nurse practitioners providing treatment as MRC volunteers in Santa Barbara County or other deployment area.

**Procedure or Policy:**

Volunteer nurse practitioners will fall under the guidance of the MRC Medical Director.

When needed for emergency response, volunteer nurse practitioners, as with all MRC volunteers, must first be requested, and then will be deployed as volunteers of Santa Barbara County.

The existing emergency medical system in Santa Barbara County is made up of public and private agencies functioning under established procedures. Volunteer nurse practitioners may be deployed a variety of settings including In-hospital or Out-of-hospital settings within Santa Barbara County; Mass Casualty Incidents, Casualty Collection Centers, Alternate Facility Sites, Mass Care settings, etc.

This position may provide, within the scope of training and experience of the nurse practitioners, medical care in response to a crisis situation or disaster, health education, trauma intervention, administrative duties, staffing of mass care shelters, prescription and/or administration of medications, vaccinations and/or immunizations, and assisting in meeting various public health needs.

SB MRC Volunteer nurse practitioners must have graduated from an accredited nurse practitioner program and possess a current and valid license without restriction to practice as a nurse practitioner in California.

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