

NAON Position Statement Development Process

A NAON Position Statement conveys the Association's endorsed stance or belief about specific orthopaedic and nursing related matters. A Position Statement is authored by NAON Executive Board (EB) appointees, reflects evidence-based practice, and is approved by the members of the EB.

- I. Requests for NAON Position Statements will:
 - A. Describe the issue related to orthopaedic nursing that would be addressed in the Position Statement.
 - B. State the stance NAON should take in the Position Statement.
 - C. Address the reasons this position is important to NAON as it relates to NAON's mission and strategic plan.
 - D. Define which population would benefit from the Position Statement (i.e. patients, nurses, etc.).
 - E. Show consistency with the NAON *Scope and Standards of Orthopaedic Nursing Practice*.
 - F. Show consistency with other NAON Position Statements.
- II. The request for development of a new or revision of a current Position Statement will be sent to the Chair of the NAON Evidence Based Practice and Research Committee (NEBPRC) via naon@smithbucklin.com.
- III. The Chair of the NEBPRC will direct its Research Unit members to create or revise the Position Statement, drawing upon others as needed for consultation and assistance.
 - A. The format of the Position Statement will include:
 1. The statement of the issue.
 2. NAON's position.
 3. Background or rationale for the position.
 4. References in APA format.
 5. Links, as needed, for more information.
 - B. The Position Statement will be no longer than two pages in a 12 point font.
- IV. The new or revised Position Statement will be:
 - A. Reviewed by the Chair of the NEBPRC and Director of Programs.
 - B. Approved by the EB.
 - C. Posted to the NAON website.
 - D. Communicated to the membership (i.e. NAON News, ONJ, etc.).
- V. NAON Position Statements will be reviewed for relevancy and accuracy every two years by the Research Unit members of the NEBPRC.