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ASHA Practice Policy

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- **Preferred Practice Patterns**—the informational base for providing quality patient/client care and a focus for professional preparation, continuing education, and research
- **Scope of Practice**—an outline of the parameters of each of the professions
- **Guidelines**—current best practice procedures based on available evidence
- **Position Statements**—public statements of ASHA's official stand on various issues
- **Knowledge & Skills**—the knowledge and set of skills required for a particular area of practice
- **Technical Reports**—supporting documentation and research for an ASHA Position Statement
- **Relevant Papers**—supporting and related professional documents
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