THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF ENDOSCOPY

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A master's thesis proposes a framework for implementing Advanced Practice Nurse roles in endoscopy in Austria, where such roles lack legal recognition despite master's-level training opportunities.

KEY POINTS

- An Austrian APN endoscopy should hold a master's degree from a relevant university of applied sciences programme and have at least five years of professional experience as a senior nurse, including at least two years in an endoscopy outpatient clinic
- Required leadership skills encompass patient management, nursing staff supervision, interdisciplinary team participation, project work, and training/coaching, with direct patient contact as a key aspect of the role
- ANP and APN roles are not enshrined in law in Austria, requiring institutions to define roles internally through regulations, organizational chart placement, role descriptions, and secured funding
- Management support and creation of a legal framework are identified as necessary to provide clarity about APN role requirements, competencies, and autonomy
- The presenter conducted a systematic literature review of ten studies and eight expert interviews with nursing professionals and gastroenterologists to develop a role model for APN endoscopy at the General Hospital of Vienna
- Additional marketing is needed to establish ANP as a success model in Austria, with role clarity identified as essential and typically achieved through legal anchoring

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