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**OPINION: APHERESIS IN THE OUTPATIENT  
SETTING**

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**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE: SCOPE OF  
PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Within the Scope of Practice of: \_\_\_ RN X LPN

### ADVISORY OPINION APHERESIS: ROLE OF THE LPN

It is within the Scope of Practice for a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to perform Apheresis under the supervision of an RN who is physically present in the facility, if the following criteria are met:

#### I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Written policy and procedures are maintained by the agency/employer.
- B. The LPN has satisfactorily completed an organized instructional program on Apheresis that includes didactic and supervised clinical practice.
- C. The LPN has satisfactorily completed an organized instructional program on intravenous therapy and medication skills in either the AZ LPN core curriculum OR an organized course of instruction that includes didactic and supervised clinical practice.
- D. Documentation of satisfactory completion of the instructional programs and supervised practice is on file with the employer.
- E. Documentation of annual reviews of competency, including the methods used for conducting outcome reviews.

#### II. COURSE OF INSTRUCTION (followed by supervised clinical practice that is required), includes but is not limited to:

- A. Application of topical anesthetic to provide client comfort for initiating IV access.
- B. Initiation of the Apheresis procedure.
- C. Inspection and evaluation of the access site
- D. Performing vascular access site care.
- E. Monitoring and recording the Apheresis procedure.
- F. Observation of changes in the client status.
- G. Reporting findings to RN.
- H. Adjusting the Apheresis process as indicted in the procedure based on client needs at the direction of the physician.
- I. Monitoring anticoagulation medication associated with the Apheresis procedure.
- J. Flushing of central venous ports and alteration of fluid rates as ordered.
- K. Discontinuing the Apheresis procedure.

### III. RATIONALE

Based on national and local evidence it is recognized that the LPN who has satisfactorily completed an organized instructional program on Apheresis and on intravenous therapy and medication skills including didactic and supervised clinical practice can safely perform Apheresis under the supervision of an RN who is physically present in the facility.

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