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**OPINION: INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON  
REMOVAL**

**APPROVED: X NOT APPROVED:**

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### **ADVISORY OPINION INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON REMOVAL**

It is **NOT** within the Scope of Practice for a Registered Nurse (RN) to remove an intra-aortic balloon.

#### **RATIONALE**

Removal of an intra-aortic balloon can present complications that are outside the scope of practice of the RN.

#### **REFERENCE**

Lynn-McHale Wiegand, D. & Carlson, K. (2005) American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Procedure Manual for Critical Care (5<sup>th</sup> Edition), P. 374-376.