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**OPINION: INTRAUTERINE PRESSURE  
CATHETERS**  
**APPROVED: X NOT APPROVED:**  
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### ADVISORY OPINION INTRAUTERINE PRESSURE CATHETERS

It is **NOT** within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse (RN) to insert an intrauterine pressure catheter.

#### RATIONALE

During the process of insertion, the catheter could perforate the placenta or the uterus, both of which are life-threatening situations which are not within the scope of practice for an RN.

#### REFERENCES

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