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**OPINION: INTRAUTERINE/
INTRACERVICAL INSEMINATION**
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**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE:
SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Within the Scope of Practice of: RN LPN

ADVISORY OPINION INTRAUTERINE/INTRACERVICAL INSEMINATION

It is within the Scope of Practice for a Registered Nurse (RN) to perform intrauterine/intracervical inseminations if the following requirements are met:

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. The decision to perform the intrauterine/intracervical insemination has been initiated by a physician.
- B. Written policy and procedures are maintained by the employer/agency.
- C. Documentation demonstrating completion of an agency's instructional program and have had supervised clinical practice are allowed to perform intrauterine/intracervical inseminations.
- D. Documentation demonstrating competence in intrauterine/intracervical insemination is on file with the employer.

II. COURSE OF INSTRUCTION is to include, but not limited to:

- A. Anatomy and physiology of the pelvis, perineum and reproductive system
- B. Indications and contraindications for the procedure(s)
- C. Proper patient and sperm preparation identification
- D. Potential side effects and complications
- E. Vaginal speculum exam and intrauterine/intracervical insemination procedures
- F. Nursing care responsibilities

III. RATIONALE

To provide guidelines consistent with current practice in outpatient clinics providing fertility enhancing services.

IV. REFERENCES

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