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**OPINION: INTRAUTERINE/
INTRACERVICAL INSEMINATION**
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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. Only RN²s who have satisfactorily completed an agency's instructional program and have had supervised clinical practice are allowed to perform intrauterine/intracervical inseminations.
 - D. Documentation of satisfactory completion of the instructional program and supervised practice 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

RATIONALE:

Consistent with current practice in outpatient clinics providing fertility enhancing services.

REFERENCES:

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