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Within the Scope of Practice of  RN  LPN

### OPINION: SUTURE MEDIATED CLOSURE DEVICES

APPROVED: **X** NOT APPROVED:

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SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

## ADVISORY OPINION SUTURE MEDIATED CLOSURE DEVICES

It is **NOT** within the scope of practice for the Registered Nurse (RN) / Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to perform hemostasis with suture mediated closure devices.

### I. RATIONALE

Advanced interventions for the removal/placement of a suture mediated closure device can present complications that are outside the scope of practice of the RN/LPN.

### II. REFERENCES

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