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OPINION: SUTURE MEDIATED CLOSURE DEVICES

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SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Within the Scope of Practice of __ RN __ LPN

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 in which immediate required interventions are outside the scope of practice of the RN/LPN. Severe complications associated with deployment of suture-mediated closure devices requires that the practitioner to be able to repair the artery. These advanced interventions are not within the scope of practice of an RN/LPN, *unless the RN is an APRN.*

II. REFERENCES

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