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 hemastasis 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


