

ADVISORY OPINION

OPINION: Deployment of Vascular Closure Devices
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Vascular closure devices are designed to reduce the time to hemostasis at the femoral artery access site after diagnostic angiography and percutaneous endovascular interventional procedures. These devices also decrease the time to patient mobilization and are associated with greater satisfaction and comfort than manual artery compression. Evidence is inconclusive, however, that the use of these devices is associated with meaningful changes in the risk of bleeding and vascular complications post-procedure.

Deployment of vascular closure devices is within the scope of practice of a qualified Cardiac Catheterization Lab and/or Interventional Radiology Registered Nurses (RNs) under the following circumstances:

1. The ordering provider remains readily accessible post-procedure to manage complications;
2. Deployment is permitted by facility policy and procedure;
3. Protocols for the use of the devices are based on best evidence for a particular device; and
4. There is documentation of training and ongoing competency assessment.

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