

ADVISORY
OPINION

OPINION: Deployment of Vascular Closure Devices
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It is the opinion of the Nebraska Board of Nursing that it is within the scope of the qualified Cardiac Catheterization Lab and/or Interventional Radiology Registered Nurse to deploy Vascular Closure Devices for hemostasis, provided:

- The RN performing the procedure is trained and proficient in the specific device to be used. The decision to deploy a vascular access device is based upon the nurse's self-assessment of competency.
- The ordering practitioner remains readily accessible to manage any complications.
- Deployment is allowed by institutional policy and procedure, and protocols are established for training, competency, and ongoing skill validation.

The decision to provide any nursing care should be based upon self-assessment of competency, following an assessment of the client and environment. A licensed nurse is accountable to be competent for all nursing care that he/she provides. Competence means the ability of the nurse to apply interpersonal, technical and decision-making skills at the level of knowledge consistent with the prevailing standard for the nursing activity being applied. Accountability also includes acknowledgment of personal limitations in knowledge and skills and communication of the need for specialized instruction prior to providing any nursing activity.

Advisory Opinions

The Nebraska Board of Nursing may choose to issue advisory opinions in accordance with the Nebraska Nurse Practice Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-2216 (2). As such, advisory opinions are for informational purposes only and are non-binding. The advisory opinions may define acts, which in the opinion of the board, are or are not permitted in the practice of nursing. Nursing practice, however, is constantly evolving and advisory opinions can become outdated. Ultimately, Nebraska law and Board regulations require the licensee to provide nursing care services within parameters consistent with education, skills, experience, and current competence. Application of the [Decision-Making Model](#) is encouraged.

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