



Nebraska Board of Nursing

ADVISORY OPINION

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Intra-Uterine Pressure Catheters

It is the opinion of the Nebraska Board of Nursing that it is acceptable practice for registered nurses to insert the various intrauterine pressure devices. Such nurses should have knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the pregnant uterus, and of the potential complications of the various devices.

The decision to insert intrauterine pressure devices should be based upon self-assessment of competency, and 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 communicating the need for specialized instruction prior to providing any nursing activity.