



## Nebraska Board of Nursing

# ADVISORY OPINION

**OPINION:** Central Lines/PICC  
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## Central Lines and Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC)

It is the opinion of the Nebraska Board of Nursing that it is acceptable practice for registered nurses to insert Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC) and non-tunneled central lines.

The RN inserting a central venous access device must be competent and proficient in advanced vascular access, infusion therapy, and trained in the specific device to be used.

A decision to insert these central lines or PICC lines should be based upon assessment of competency, following an assessment of the client and environment. The registered nurse should insert central lines according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care with a valid order in accordance with agency policies and procedures.

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.

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