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OPINION: GASTROSTOMY TUBE REINSERTION INTO A MATURE SITE

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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of _X_ APRN _X_ RN _X_ LPN _CNA

**ADVISORY OPINION
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In accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann, § 33-21-122(c)(iii) of the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act (NPA), the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) has approved the following Advisory Opinion on Gastrostomy Tube Reinsertion into a Mature Site.

It is within the scope of practice of an appropriately trained and competent RN or LPN to reinsert or change a gastrostomy tube in a mature stoma site upon the order of a physician, APRN or PA if the following criteria are met:

- A. There are institutional policies and procedures to guide this practice;**
- B. The nurse has completed training and demonstrated continuing competency;**
- C. The agency/facility maintains documentation on training and competency for each nurse;**
- D. The care is provided under the direction of a physician, APRN or PA;**
- E. The patient's condition is assessed prior to, during, and after the procedure to current standard of practice; and**
- F. The stoma must be mature (i.e. complete epithelialization of the stoma has occurred, there are no signs of infection, and the healing ridge is well defined.).**

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