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**OPINION:** LICENSED NURSE/CNA  
FUNCTIONING AS ENDOSCOPY TECHNICIAN  
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An advisory opinion adopted by WSBN is an interpretation of what the law requires. While an advisory opinion is not law, it is more than a recommendation. In other words, an advisory opinion is an official opinion of WSBN regarding the practice of nursing as it relates to the functions of nursing. Facility policies may restrict practice further in their setting and/or require additional expectations related to competency, validation, training and supervision to assure the safety of their patient population and/or decrease risk.

Within the Scope of Practice/Role of \_\_\_APRN \_\_\_X\_RN \_\_\_X\_LPN \_\_\_X\_CNA

**ADVISORY OPINION**  
**LICENSED NURSE/CNA FUNCTIONING AS ENDOSCOPY TECHNICIAN**

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 the RN/LPN/CNA as Endoscopy Technician.

The role of the endoscopy technician includes, but is not limited to:

1. Completes tasks within defined role functions and documented competency;
2. Assists in data collection to identify the patient's needs, problems, concerns or human responses (e.g., vital signs);
3. Assists in the implementation of the established plan of care;
4. Assists the physician and GI RN before, during, and after diagnostic and therapeutic procedures;
5. Reprocesses and maintains equipment according to standards of infection control, policies/procedures and manufacturers' instructions;
6. Provides and maintains a healthy and safe environment for the patient and staff by complying with regulatory agency requirements and standards set forth by professional organizations and institutional policies;
7. Acknowledges the diversity of patients;
8. Participates in lifelong learning (e.g., continuing education);
9. Maintains knowledge of current practice issues related to the field of gastroenterology;
10. Complies with legal and practice standards inherent in patient care (e.g., patient's bill of rights);
11. Conducts oneself in an ethical manner;
12. Participates in performance improvement activities as directed;
13. Collaborates with the interprofessional team to ensure quality and continuity of care; and
14. Communicates effectively with patient and interprofessional team to ensure quality and continuity of care.

**Therefore, it is permissible for a RN, LPN or CNA to manipulate or advance instrumentation at the direction of the physician to obtain tissue specimens and to incise tissue.**

**REFERENCES**

1. Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc. (2014). Position Statement: *Role of Nursing Assistive Personnel in Gastroenterology*. Retrieved from [www.sгна.org](http://www.sгна.org).