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