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ADVISORY OPINION
NURSE-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

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 Nurse-Client Relationship.

A nurse-client relationship generally begins when responsibility for nursing care of a client is accepted by the nurse. The nurse-client relationship is the foundation of nursing practice across all populations and cultures and in all practice settings. It is therapeutic and focuses on the needs of the client. It is based on trust, respect and professional intimacy, and it requires the appropriate use of authority. The nurse-client relationship is conducted within boundaries that separate professional and therapeutic behavior from non-professional and non-therapeutic behavior. A client's dignity, autonomy and privacy are kept safe within the nurse-client relationship. Nurses are responsible for beginning, maintaining and ending a relationship with a client in a way that ensures the client’s needs are first.

REFERENCES