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OPINION: QUADRIPLÉGIC CLIENT BOWEL
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BY CNA/HHA

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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of ___APRN ___RN ___LPN XCNA

ADVISORY OPINION

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In accordance with Wyo. Stat. §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 Quadriplegic Client Bowel Maintenance Program by Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)/Home Health Aide (HHA).

A nurse may delegate to an appropriately trained and competent CNA or HHA the specific tasks of a bowel maintenance program, which includes insertion of a stool softening suppository and anal sphincter relaxation for a quadriplegic client.

The nurse must follow the standards for delegation of basic nursing tasks and skills as outlined in the WSBN Administrative Rules and Regulations, Chapter 9, Section 4.

Digital stimulation is defined as stimulation of the rectal wall mucosa to elicit an autonomic nervous system response. **Digital stimulation may not be delegated to a CNA or HHA.**