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OPINION: C-ARM POSITIONING &
OPERATION

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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of APRN RN LPN CNA

ADVISORY OPINION
C-ARM POSITIONING & OPERATION

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 C-Arm Positioning & Operation.

The Radiologic Technologist Licensing Act defines a “Radiologic technologist” as “a person other than a licensed practitioner who applies ionizing radiation or radiopharmaceutical agents to humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes[.]” Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-37-101 (a)(vi). A licensed practitioner is defined as “a person licensed or otherwise authorized by law to practice medicine, dentistry, podiatry, osteopathy or chiropractic and includes properly certified physician assistants and properly licensed advanced practice nurses[.]” Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-37-101 (a)(iv).

Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-37-101, only a licensed practitioner or a licensed radiologic technologist may operate equipment that exposes humans to ionizing radiation or radiopharmaceutical agents. Therefore, RNs should not operate C-arms. RNs may move C-arm equipment within the patient care area.