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**OPINION:** CENTRAL LINES AND PERIPHERALLY INSERTED CENTRAL CATHETERS (PICC)

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

**ADVISORY OPINION  
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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 Central Lines and Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC).

**WSBN acknowledges that it is within the scope of practice of the appropriately trained and competent RN to insert PICC and central lines as ordered by the physician, APRN or PA if the following criteria are met:**

- A. There are institutional policies and procedures to guide this practice;**
- B. The nurse has completed training and demonstrated continuing competency;**
- C. The agency/facility maintains documentation on training and competency for each nurse;**
- D. The care is provided under the direction of a physician, APRN or PA; and**
- E. The patient's condition is assessed prior to, during, and after the procedure to current standard of practice.**

A decision to insert these central lines or PICC lines should be based upon assessment of competency, following an assessment of the client and environment. The RN should insert central lines according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care with a valid order in accordance with agency policies and procedures.

**REFERENCES**

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