Within the Scope of Practice/Role of X APRN X RN ___LPN ___CNA

ADVISORY OPINION

IV CHELATION THERAPY

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 IV Chelation Therapy.

The Food and Drug Administration has only approved chelation therapy as a treatment for the removal of heavy metal toxins by converting them to a chemically inert form that can be excreted in the urine. It is within the scope of practice of an appropriately trained and competent RN to participate in chelation therapy as ordered by a 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.

REFERENCES

