OPINION: CHEST TUBE, MEDIASTINAL TUBE
AND PLEURAL DRAIN REMOVAL
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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of ___X__ APRN ___X__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 Chest Tube, Mediastinal Tube and Pleural Drain Removal.

WSBN acknowledges that it is within the scope of practice of the appropriately trained and competent RN to remove chest tubes, mediastinal tubes and pleural drains 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.

REFERENCES