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QUESTION: May a registered nurse (RN) insert prostaglandin into the vagina to induce abortion upon a physician's order?

Execution of a physician's order to insert prostaglandin to induce abortion falls within the scope of RN practice.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.