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QUESTION: **Is it within the role and scope of practice for the registered nurse (RN) to insert prostaglandin analogs (e.g., misoprostol) into the vagina for cervical ripening or induction of labor with a viable fetus?**

The Board of Nursing has determined that it is NOT within the role and scope of practice for the RN to administer prostaglandin analogs (e.g., misoprostol) vaginally for cervical ripening or induction of labor with a viable fetus.

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