

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Practice Decision

The role of the RN in Administration of Prostaglandins

In June of 1990, the Nevada State Board of Nursing was asked to review the administration of prostaglandin suppositories and/or gel. At that time the statute allowed only labor and delivery nurses to perform the task. After evidence presented by Humana nurses was reviewed a decision was made to expand the scope of the RN based on the following conditions. As previously decided by the board, it is within the scope of the RN to administer prostaglandins via suppository and/or gel. This is considering it is within the facility policy and the following criteria have been met.

1. The RN has completed a comprehensive course, including demonstrated competency, to prepare them for those duties beyond their basic nursing education. For example, a women's health or emergency course/internship in accordance with NAC.632.225.
2. The RN has demonstrated competencies set forth by the facility and/or supervising licensed provider.

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