

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
Practice Decision
The LPN Scope of Practice Regarding Phlebotomy and Blood
Sampling Collection

The Nevada State Board of Nursing finds that it is within the scope of practice of a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who has completed a course in intravenous therapy pursuant to [NAC 632.242](#), [NAC 632.470](#) and [NAC 632.475](#) and acts pursuant to a written order by an advanced practice nurse, licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, licensed dentist or a licensed podiatric can perform phlebotomy interventions as identified in this practice decision.

Additionally, a properly trained LPN in compliance with [NAC 632.242](#) may conduct phlebotomy interventions as described in this practice decision.

The LPN may:

1. Access peripheral vasculature via venipuncture with the appropriate collection equipment/device for the purpose of blood sampling and specimen collection.
2. Withdraw blood from a peripheral intravenous line prior to infusion of intravenous fluids.
3. Withdraw blood from a peripherally inserted central venous catheter pursuant to [NAC 632.450](#)

The educationally prepared and properly trained LPN must:

- Practice in accordance with the Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice published by the Infusion Nurses Society (INS)
- Follow applicable written procedures and policies of the employer.

The LPN may not:

Conduct Therapeutic Phlebotomy procedures as defined by the Nurse Infusion Society (INS).

Reference:

Nickel, B., Gorski, L., Kleidon, T., Kyes, A., DeVries, M., Keogh, S., Meyer, B., Sarver, M. J., Crickman, R., Ong, J., Clare, S., & Hagle, M. E. (2024). Infusion therapy standards of practice, 9th edition. *Journal of Infusion Nursing: The Official Publication of the Infusion Nurses Society*, 47(1S Suppl 1), S1–S285. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NAN.0000000000000532>

Therapeutic Phlebotomy References:

- Kim & Oh (2016) - most efficient method for managing the symptoms and complications ... phlebotomy is safe and provides good efficacy with relatively low costs.
- Washington State Board of Nursing – “... nursing laws and rules allow the competent and appropriately trained healthcare professional to perform therapeutic phlebotomy...”

Kim, K. H., & Oh, K. Y. (2016). Clinical applications of therapeutic phlebotomy. *Journal of Blood Medicine*, 7, 139–144. <https://doi.org/10.2147/JBM.S108479>

Washington State Board of Nursing (n.d.). Can a licensed practical nurse perform therapeutic phlebotomy? Retrieved January 25, 2025 from <https://nursing.wa.gov/faq/can-licensed-practical-nurse-perform-therapeutic-phlebotomy>.

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