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Within the Scope of Practice of RN LPN

**OPINION: INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON
CATHETER REMOVAL**
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ADVISORY OPINION INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON CATHETER REMOVAL

It is **NOT** within the scope of practice for a registered nurse (RN) to remove an intra-aortic balloon catheter.

I. RATIONALE

Removal of an intra-aortic balloon catheter can precipitate immediate and life threatening complications which require interventions that are outside the RN scope of practice.

II. REFERENCES

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