

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

**THE ROLE OF THE NURSE IN FEMORAL VEIN CATHETERIZATION FOR
HEMO DIALYSIS ACCESS
POSITION STATEMENT**

DEFINITION:

The insertion of single or double lumen catheters into the left or right femoral vein and advanced into the inferior vena cava for the purpose of hemodialysis access.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

An insertion of a femoral vein catheter is a procedure that is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse.

The nurse's role is in the management of venous access by assessing and caring for the site, preventing and identifying complications, educating the patient and family and making referrals as appropriate.

This Position Statement represents the Board's current thinking. Position statements are not legally binding

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