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Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses performing a fetal fibronectin specimen collection via a speculum examination, the Practice Committee considered your petition at the January 25, 2005 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 16, 2005, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda item 6.3 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913(14)(1) that it is within the scope of practice of a RN to perform a fetal fibronectin specimen collection via a speculum examination provided said nurse has the appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities in the clinical inpatient institution provided protocols are in place.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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