START
Describe the act to be performed. Is this act expressly permitted or prohibited by the Nurse Practice Act?

Yes

Permitted by Nurse Practice Act

No

Unsure?

Is the act consistent with the generally accepted scope of practice and passes the "reasonable and prudent" standard for nursing?

Yes

Do you personally possess the depth and breadth of knowledge to perform the act safely and effectively?

No

Stop

not within your scope of practice

Yes

Did you obtain the clinical skills during school or in the workplace?

No

Stop

until additional knowledge is gained

Yes

Is the performance of the act within the accepted standard of care?

No

Stop

until clinical skills are attained

Yes

Does the agency have a policy and procedure in place for this activity?

No

Stop

Are you prepared to accept the consequences of your action?

Yes

Perform the Act

No

Stop

until policy and procedure in place