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Canyon Hardesty, MS  
STD Program Manager  
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Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Ms Hardesty:

The Practice Committee of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing reviewed your request for an Advisory Opinion regarding Expedited Partner Therapy as an optional STD partner treatment.

Upon recommendation of the Practice Committee the Board voted it is within the scope of practice for an APRN to practice Expedited Partner Therapy. The Board recognizes that even though it is not a customary standard of practice, the board supports the practice of Expedited Partner Therapy by APRNs as an optional form of STD case management in order to address the national rise in gonorrhea and chlamydia morbidity.

Thank you very much for contacting the Board regarding your Practice question. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl L. Koski".

Cheryl L. Koski, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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ADVISORY OPINION**

**EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY - APRN**

Advisory Opinion Number: 06 - 175  
Board Meeting Date: April 9-12, 2007

The Practice Committee reviewed a request from the Wyoming Department of Health, STD/Hepatitis Program regarding Expedited Partner Therapy. Male partners of diagnosed female patients are treated using clear written standing orders to follow protocol.

Upon recommendation of the Practice Committee the Board voted that it is within the scope of nursing practice for an APRN to provide Expedited Partner Therapy. The Board recognizes that it is not a customary standard of practice but supports the practice of Expedited Partner Therapy by APRNs as an optional form of STD case management in order to address the national rise in gonorrhea and chlamydia morbidity.

Approved: April 11, 2007  
Reviewed:  
Revised: