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Question: Is it within the role and scope of responsibility of the registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) to inject Lidocaine (without epinephrine) intradermally, prior to the insertion of a peripheral IV line, for the purpose of providing for patient comfort?

The Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the RN and LPN to inject Lidocaine (without epinephrine) intradermally, prior to the insertion of a peripheral line, for the purpose of providing for patient comfort.

Recognizing these responsibilities are an additional act for the LPN, the Board recommends special education and training should include documented safety practices and other didactic material as well as clinical skill competency components.

This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.