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**QUESTION:** Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of unlicensed personnel to perform digital intervention for the treatment of fecal impaction?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that digital intervention for the treatment of fecal impaction is within the role and scope of responsibilities of licensed nurses and should NOT be delegated to unlicensed personnel.

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