



ADVISORY OPINION # 53

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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to advance the endoscope while assisting the physician during an endoscopy procedures?

The Board of Nursing for South Carolina has determined that it is **NOT** within the role and scope of responsibilities of the RN to advance the endoscope during endoscopy procedures. This constitutes a medical act and can only be delegated to an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). The Board has determined that it is within the role and scope of an RN to assist the physician during endoscopy procedures with tasks such as: preparing the equipment for the procedure, suctioning during the procedure, and operating the camera (taking photographs).

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