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There has been an increase in inquiries regarding who is authorized to perform procedures involving the use of lasers. In summary, the following individuals are permitted to perform or supervise cosmetic laser procedures in South Carolina:

- Licensed Physicians (MDs and DOs) ¹
- Physician Assistants (PAs), with proper training and only as approved and outlined within their individual scope of practice¹
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), with proper training and in accordance with their collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician¹
- Registered Nurses (RNs), under the direct supervision of a physician, APRN, or PA²
- Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs), non-ablative lasers under the direct supervision of a licensed Physician, APRN, or PA³

Individuals seeking more information are advised to review the guidance offered by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and South Carolina Board of Nursing.

¹ <https://llr.sc.gov/med/Policies/LasersOtherDevices.aspx>

² <https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/AdvisoryOp/AO39.pdf>

³ South Carolina Code § 40-47-196