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QUESTION: May a registered nurse (RN) insert prostaglandin into the vagina to induce abortion upon a physician's order?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the scope of registered nurse (RN) practice to insert prostaglandin to induce abortion with an order from an authorized licensed provider.

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