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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of practice of the registered nurse (RN) to apply internal fetal electrodes, and to insert intrauterine monitoring devices without an authorized licensed provider present, and if so, may the RN perform amniotomy to apply the internal components?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of the registered nurse (RN) to apply internal fetal electrodes and to insert intrauterine monitoring devices on patients with ruptured membranes without an authorized licensed provider present.

It is **NOT** within the role and scope of the registered nurse (RN) to perform an amniotomy to apply the internal components.

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