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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the licensed practical nurse (LPN) to verify blood or blood products with a registered nurse (RN) before infusion by the RN?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the LPN to verify blood and blood products with an RN prior to the administration by the RN. The administration of blood and blood products is **NOT** within the role and scope of responsibilities of the LPN; it remains the responsibility of the RN.

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