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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of practice of a registered nurse (RN) to administer paralytic agents intravenously?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that It is within the role and scope of practice of an RN to administer paralytic agents intravenously in the mechanically ventilated patient or during the process of intubation. The Board recognizes these responsibilities as an expanded role for the RN and requires special education and training. This education and training should include documented safety practices and other didactic material, as well as, clinical skill competency components. Written patient specific medical orders are required which indicate mechanical ventilation and safety parameters to be monitored and reported to the authorized Licensed Providers.

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