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Question: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to deploy extravascular collagen hemostasis devices?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that deployment of collagen-based extravascular hemostasis devices is within the scope of practice for the RN.

If the nursing department determines that implementation is in order, the appropriate policies, procedures, and protocols should be developed. Protocols must specify qualifications, special education, and training regarding the roles of the selected RN to include didactic and clinical competencies.

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