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## **ADVISORY OPINION # 41**

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**QUESTION:** Is it within the role and scope of practice for the registered nurse (RN) to insert prostaglandin analogs (e.g., misoprostol) into the vagina for cervical ripening or induction of labor with a viable fetus?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the scope and practice of the RN to administer Misoprostol (Cytotec) vaginally for cervical ripening or induction of labor with a viable fetus only when the authorized licensed provider is immediately available onsite.

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the scope and practice of the RN to administer other prostaglandin analogs Dinoprostone (Cervidil, Prepidil) vaginally for cervical ripening or induction of labor with a viable fetus.

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