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**Advisory Opinion # 42**

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**Question:** Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to deploy suture mediated vascular hemostasis closure devices?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina determined that it is **NOT** within the role and scope of an RN to deploy suture mediated vascular hemostasis closure devices, unless the RN is an APRN.

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