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**QUESTION:** Is it in the scope of practice for a licensed nurse to be responsible for marking the surgical site for correct procedure verification?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is **NOT** in the scope of practice for the licensed nurse, with the exception of the certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse (WOCN) to be responsible for marking the surgical site for correct procedure verification.

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