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**ADVISORY OPINION # 44**

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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 registered nurse enterostomal therapist, 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.*