



ADVISORY OPINION # 53

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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to advance the endoscope while assisting the physician during an endoscopy procedure?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the RN to advance the endoscope during endoscopy procedures under the direct supervision of the endoscopist.

The Board acknowledges this responsibility is an expanded role of the RN requiring specialized continued education and training beyond a generic nursing curriculum. The Board recommends that the nursing department develop written policies, procedures, and guidelines in accordance with the SC Nurse Practice Act. Employee files must contain documentation of this competency.

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