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QUESTION: Is it within the scope of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to administer lidocaine for the purpose of anesthesia in dermatological procedures?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is **NOT** within the role and scope of a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) to administer lidocaine for the purpose of anesthesia in preparation for dermatological procedures.

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