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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of a registered nurse (RN) when a physician is performing an endoscopy or cystoscopy and has inserted a needle to administer Botox, to act as the physician's third hand and inject the Botox via syringe at the direct supervision of the physician?

The State Board of Nursing for the state of South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of the responsibilities of the RN to serve as the physician's third hand when the physician is performing an endoscopy or cystoscopy and inject Botox, via syringe, into the area selected by the physician, under the direct supervision of the physician for the dosing amount.

THIS ADVISORY OPINION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF AGENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEDATION OR ANESTHESIA.

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