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Question: May a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse delegate invasive Nursing Procedures to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is **NOT** within the role and scope of the Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse to delegate invasive Nursing procedures to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel. The task which may not be delegated include but are not limited to IV catheter placement, IV therapy, ear irrigation (see AO #64), wound debridement, eye irrigation with lens placement.

Current Advisory opinions related to School Nurse delegation to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel are an exception to this decision. Physicians and APRN's may delegate duties as defined by their standards of practice, but the Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse may not supervise or authorize these additional acts. This advisory opinion is referenced with the existing Unlicensed Assistive Personnel Position statement.

<https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/PStatements/DelegationPositionStatementApproved072910.pdf>

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