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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to perform enhanced functions with an intracranial catheter currently identified as the IRRAflow® (by IRRAS)?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the RN to perform the necessary functions of the IRRAflow® dual lumen intracranial catheter when it is inserted and ordered by a credentialed licensed provider. Since this catheter can both drain fluid and infuse specific fluid normally used intravenously, it has additional capabilities that a normal external ventricular device does not.

Therefore, the Board recognizes this responsibility is an expanded role of the RN requiring specialized continued education and training beyond a generic intensive care training curriculum. The Board recommends that each organization develop written policies, procedures, and guidelines in accordance with the SC Nurse Practice Act and the Advisory Opinion Supplement on the Nursing Management of Invasive Devices (Catheters, Lines and Tubes). Employee files must contain documentation of training and annual competency of this device.

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

https://www.llr.sc.gov/nurse/pdf/Invasive%20Devices_RN_final%20_website.pdf