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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of practice for the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) with education and preparation to insert invasive cardiovascular monitoring lines?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of practice for CRNAs and certain other APRNs with education and preparation to insert invasive cardiovascular monitoring lines including, but not limited to, central venous and pulmonary arterial catheters. CRNAs and certain other APRNs education and preparation provide the knowledge base for this skill. CRNAs and certain other APRNs are expected to have demonstrated skill competency and to have applicable written guidelines in accordance with, Section 40-33-34 Performance of delegated medical acts; qualifications; protocols; prescriptive authorization; anesthesia care of the Laws Governing Nursing in SC, Chapter 33, and section 40-33-34.

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