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QUESTION: Is it within the role and scope of responsibilities of the registered nurse (RN) to remove the SAVI (Strut Assisted Volume Implant) applicator device?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the role and scope of responsibilities of the RN to remove the SAVI (Strut Assisted Volume Implant) applicator device.

The Board recommends that the agencies have in place an educational credentialing process which includes evaluation and documentation of the individual RN's competency relative to the removal of the device and management of the patient before, during and after removal of the device.

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