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QUESTION: Is it within the scope of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to administer lidocaine for the purpose of anesthesia in dermatological procedures?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it **Not is** within the role and scope of a registered nurse (RN) to administer **injectable** lidocaine for the purpose of anesthesia in preparation for dermatological procedures. It is **not** within the scope of practice for a Licensed Practical Nurse

The Registered nurse (RN) shall complete appropriate education and demonstrated competency to ensure his/her practice is in compliance with the standards of safe nursing practice prior to administering local anesthetics or tumescent anesthesia.

For RNs performing tumescent anesthesia:

- i. Documentation of satisfactory completion of the instructional program and supervised practice by a qualified provider is on file with the employer.
- ii. The supervising provider is available in the building while procedure is performed and can respond to the RN within a medically reasonable timeframe.

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