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QUESTION: Is it within the scope and practice of an LPN to administer prescribed TB tests and to document results?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is within the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) scope of practice to administer prescribed TB tests under assignment by the Registered Nurse (RN) or other person authorized by State law to provide supervision.

The LPN may document measured induration in mm.

The LPN may NOT interpret the test as positive or negative.

The LPN must receive education/training and demonstrate competency with validation by a licensed provider or authorized supervisor.

The employing facility must have the following in place:

- A written policy allowing this practice by the Licensed Practical Nurse.
- A written procedure detailing specific methods and guidelines used for storage, administration, assessment, and documentation.
- A written referral process for induration findings greater than or equal to 15 mm and/or if vesiculation is noted.
- A written referral process for induration findings greater than or equal to 5mm-10mm in identified high-risk population groups.

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