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**OPINION: INJECTION OF  
LIDOCAINE**  
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Within the Scope of Practice of \_\_\_ RN \_\_\_LPN

### ADVISORY OPINION TUMESCENT LIDOCAINE INJECTION: ROLE OF THE RN

It is **NOT** within the scope of practice of the Registered Nurse (RN) to administer tumescent Lidocaine.

#### I. RATIONALE

Tumescent Lidocaine Injection is a high risk anesthesia procedure involving large quantities of drug combinations that require the knowledge and skills of a licensed independent provider. It is beyond the knowledge and skills of the RN creating a significant risk to patient safety including possible loss of life.

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