



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Wound Care Certification

The South Dakota Board of Nursing is authorized by the state of South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 36-9-1.1, to safeguard life, health and the public welfare; and to protect citizens from unauthorized, unqualified and improper application of nursing practices.

The South Dakota Board of Nursing issues opinions as to what constitutes safe nursing practice. As such, an opinion is not a regulation of the Board and does not have the force and effect of law. An opinion is issued as a guideline to licensees who wish to engage in safe nursing practice, and to facilitate the delivery of safe, effective nursing care to the public.

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Practice Statement

A registered nurse who performs conservative sharp wound debridement (CSWD), as defined in ARSD [20:48:04:01.01\(6\)](#) and who was performing CSWD prior to December 10, 2023, may continue to perform CSWD as allowed by agency policy. The registered nurse is encouraged to obtain wound care certification by July 1, 2025.

Applicable South Dakota Laws and Rules:

[SDCL 36-9-3. Practice of registered nurse](#)

[ARSD 20:48:04:01.01. Scope of nursing practice--Registered nurse](#)