The Scope of Practice:

Definition of Scope of Practice: the range of roles, functions, responsibilities which a registered nurse or midwife is educated, competent and has authority to perform. (NMBI 2015)

Definition of the scope of midwifery practice: is the expected range of roles, functions, responsibilities that a registered midwife registered with NMBI is educated for and is competent and authorised to perform. More specifically, the scope of midwifery practice is identified in the EC Directive of 2005 (2005/36/EC) as amended Article 42 of the Directive (2005) (NMBI, 2015).

The scope of practice of a practice nurse is not determined any differently than any Nurse or Midwife registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI).

"The Framework gives guidance to all nurses and midwives in determining their roles and responsibilities in relation to the provision of safe, quality patient care." (NMBI, 2015)
The Framework   gives guidance to nurses and midwives to support them in the decision making process in their every day practice. It also assists nurses and midwives to identify their needs to either ensure they have the appropriate competence or consider the competencies that they may require. It also acknowledges the need for safe and supported role expansion and encourages reflective practice to enhance patient safety and quality of care. There are many different factors discussed in detail within the document which must be considered by all Nurses which demonstrate the values that underpin Nursing and Midwifery practice.
To support Nurses and midwives to develop their expanding roles, NMBI suggests that Mangers, employers and organisations have responsibility to put appropriate policy , procedures, protocols and guidelines in place. (NMBI 2015)

SOP: Question for a practice nurse to consider?
Q Do I have the appropriate theory/knowledge and skills to be involved in a specific aspect of care? E.g. Smear taking , ear care, spirometry?

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