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Ms. Tracy Craft, RN, Nurse Manager  
Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital  
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Lafayette, LA 70508

Dear Ms. Craft,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses to collect data regarding vital signs during a regional block; the Practice Committee considered your petition at the July 21, 2009 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on September 16, 2009, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda item 6.4 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14)(l) that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to collect data regarding vital signs during a regional block while the anesthesiologist is performing the block.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director  
Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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