

March 28, 2001

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Dear Dr. Sorkey:

Pursuant to your request regarding RNs administering Ketamine in the presence of a qualified emergency physician for the purpose of conscious sedation, the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on January 23, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 21, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.1, that the Board uphold nurse practice opinion 83.03, that the administration of Ketamine Hydrochloride by the registered nurse is reserved to the registered nurse who meets the requirements of L.R.S. 37:930. The monitoring of the patient having received Ketamine Hydrochloride for the purpose of analgesia and/or sedation is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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