

June 14, 2001

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Dear Ms. Mills:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of RNs deploying, as a part of groin management, an external vascular hemostasis device for patients who have undergone a catheterization, intervention, or radiology procedure leaving an arterial sheath in place, the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 24, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on June 13, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.2, that it is within the scope of authorized nursing practice for a registered nurse to deploy a collagen based extravascular hemostasis device, such as a Vasoseal, as an integral part of groin management provided that the institution has a policy in place and the registered nurse has completed a program which provides didactic classroom instruction and supervised clinical practice.

The members of the Nurse Practice Committee expressed their appreciation for your attendance at the Committee meeting. The information provided by the Datascope Corporation regarding the VasoSeal Hemostasis device assisted the Board in its deliberation. Your response to the Board's questions likewise facilitated their deliberation regarding your request.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

cc: Troy Phillip
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