

September 16, 2003

Kay Gaudet, Acting Chief
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Dear Ms. Gaudet:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice for certified nurse practitioners (CNPs) performing certain CPT codes your request was studied by the Practice Committee on July 15, 2003. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on September 12, 2003, and. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinions:

That in reference to agenda item 6.12, that it is within the scope of practice of certified NPs and CNSs to perform the following CPT codes:

17000 - Destruction (eg, laser, electrosurgery, cryosurgery, chemosurgery, surgical curettment), all benign or premalignant lesions (eg Actinic keratoses) other than skin tags or cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions, first lesion.

56420 - Incision and drainage of Bartholin's gland abscess.

Note: In order for a CNP to perform Board approved procedures as designated by the specific CPT codes it must be within that said APRN's area of specialization and consistent with the APRN's collaborative practice agreement with the collaborative practice physician(s).

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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