

December 11, 2003

Chris Broussard
Safety Director, WSI
108 Galbert Road
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Dear Mr. Broussard:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice registered nurses performing medical evaluations, OSHA requirement, to determine a person's ability to use a respirator, the Practice Committee studied your request on October 14, 2003. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on December 3, 2003, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinions:

That in reference to agenda item 6.4, it is within the scope of practice for an RN, under the direction of a licensed physician or other authorized prescriber to perform the medical evaluation to fit a respirator device according to OSHA requirements; furthermore, it is within the scope of practice of APRNs to perform this evaluation.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director, LSBN

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