

March 22, 2004

Lynne Rhodes, RN  
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Dear Ms Rhodes:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of a registered nurse, working in the labor and delivery setting to manage the laboring patient receiving continuous epidural pain relief via pump to administer a bolus dose of the infusing medication (bupivacaine and sufenta) via pump using pre-established parameters for pain management during labor, the Practice Committee studied the results of the Task Force on Pain Management. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 17, 2003, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda 6.1 regarding epidurals for laboring patients, to reaffirm the Board's previous opinions, npop 89.07 and 90.23.

Enclosed is a copy of npop 89.07 and 90.23. The Board of Nursing expressed their gratitude for your participation on the Task Force and for the outcomes generated by the Task Force on Pain Management.

Contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication (504) 838-5422.

Sincerely,

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director, LSBN

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