

June 21, 2004

Jonathan W. Sanders
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Dear Mr. Sander:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of a registered nurse placing the Bravo pH probe without the presence of a physician the Practice Committee considered your petition at the April 27, 2004 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on June 16, 2004, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda item 6.2 that it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse to place a Bravo pH probe for the purpose of pH monitoring provided there is documentation of prior assessment by the patient's physician for determination of appropriateness for placement. Additionally, the registered nurse has the documented appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the procedure.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
Louisiana State Board of Nursing