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Dear Ms. Young:

Pursuant to your request as to whether it is within the scope of practice for an RN/APRN with sufficient education and training to instill chemotherapy into an implanted hepatic artery infusion pump for the treatment of metastatic disease, the Practice Committee considered your petition and subsequently presented its recommendation to the board of Nursing on December 7, 2005. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That it is within the scope of practice for the RN to administer chemotherapy into the implanted hepatic arterial pump or hepatic arterial infusion (HAI) for the purpose of treating metastatic cancer of the liver provided the RN has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities and there are institutional policies and procedures to guide this practice.

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

Sincerely,

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

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