

Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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Ms. Penny Cox, R.N.
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Dear Ms. Cox:

On June 1, 1979, The Board of Nursing deliberated on your question regarding the legality of Critical Care Nurses performing intubation of adults and infants after they have been taught to perform this procedure in an Advanced Life Support Course, utilizing the American Heart Association Standards. Following is the official decision of the Board:

Endotracheal intubation of adults and children is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse when said nurse has the appropriate knowledge, skills and experience, and when there is documentation of same knowledge, skills and experience.

If you have questions relative to the above decision, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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