

Janurary 28, 1987

Connie Evans, RN
Director of Nursing Service
Plaquemines Parish General Hospital
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Port Sulphur, LA 70083

Dear Ms. Evans:

At it meeting on January 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on a request made by Anna Yuratich for an official opinion regarding registered nurses administering nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia in the Emergency Room in procedures such as wound debridement, suture of lacerations and other procedures as determined by the physician. Ms. Yuratich had informed me that she would retire before the above referenced meeting. Presumably, she informed you of her request.

The decision of the Board of Nursing in this matter is as follows:~

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It is not within the realm of nursing practice for the registered nurse (except C.R.N.A.s) to administer nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia in the Emergency Room.

If I can further assist you in nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~
Nursing Practice Consultant~