

September 24, 1987

Albert Barrocas, MD, FACS  
Medical Center of East New Orleans  
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New Orleans, LA 70127

Dear Dr. Barrocas:

At its regular meeting on September 22, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion of the Board regarding registered nurses removing tunnelled IV catheters without anchoring devices (cuffs). After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion.

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In reference to Agenda Item 2 i, it is within the realm of practice for the registered nurse to remove tunnelled IV catheters without cuffed devices, if said nurse has appropriate education and skills documented in his/her file, and provided the physician is readily available.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Maria Trattler, RN, before taking action on your request. Additionally, the materials you sent prior to the meeting and your exhibits at the meeting were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN  
Nursing Practice Consultant

cc: Maria Trattler, RN