

September 25, 1987

Susan Robers
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Dear Ms. Robers:

At its regular meeting on September 23,1987, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing deliberated on the Nurse Practice Act and its implementing regulations as applied to the registered nurse delegating nursing functions to licensed practical nurses and facility-trained unlicensed technicians in out-patient dialysis facilities. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion.

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In reference to Agenda Item #8, the Board of Nursing believes it is congruent with the intent of the Nurse Practice Act and with the current rules on delegation for the registered nurse to delegate to licensed practical nurses and facility-trained technicians the injection of saline and heparin into the dialysis machine. The Board further believes this does not constitute administration of medications to a patient.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with Dr. George Bailey, Gerald Newman, Beverly Mouton and Leon Maraist, who were present at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant

cc: Dr. George Bailey, MD
Beverly Mouton, RN
Gerald Newman