

May 23, 1989

Earl Bollinger, RNC, NNP
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Dear Mr. Bollinger:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing to determine if it is within the legal realm of the practice of the critical care registered nurse to administer a bolus of Pavulon was presented to the Board on May 19, 1989.

The Board had reviewed the materials sent by Dr. Jay Goldsmith, Jan Nugent and you before the meeting. At the meeting, the Board heard the presentations made by Diane Benitez, Jan Nugent and you. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 3a, it is within the realm of practice for the registered nurse to administer neuromuscular blocking agents in the critical care areas to patients who are being maintained on ventilators, provided that said registered nurse has the proper knowledge and skills to manage complications that may occur and that said knowledge and skills are documented in his/her file.

The members of the Board appreciated your contribution and that of Diane Benitez, Jan Nugent and Dr. Jay Goldsmith.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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cc: Diane Benitez, RN. Vice President/Operations, East Jefferson General
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