

July 25, 1989

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Dear Ms. Norris:

This is to provide you with written confirmation of the action of the Board of Nursing regarding your request for an opinion of the Board as to whether or not a registered nurse employed as a flight nurse may legally accept a verbal/ telephone order of a physician to discontinue CPR once begun without anything written prior to the event.

The Nursing Practice Committee reviewed all of the information you sent and made recommendations to the Board at the meeting on July 20-21, 1989. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 5 d, (3), the Board declares that once resuscitation is initiated, a registered nurse may not discontinue the resuscitation until the patient reaches the hospital, unless there is a written physician's order not to resuscitate or to stop the procedure

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

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant