

Enclosure

March 28, 1990

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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Pasero:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding rate adjustment of continuous IV and epidural analgesia infusions by registered nurses who are specially trained and experienced in pain management was presented to the Board at its meeting on March 23, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. The members of the Committee appreciated your presence at the meeting to further clarify your situation. At the March 23 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 4d:

1. That registered nurses employed in Schumpert Medical Center's Acute Pain Management Service be allowed to continue to adjust epidural infusion rates as provided in the proposal presented to the Board.
2. That the Nursing Practice Committee be directed to develop a proposal for minimum nursing standards/protocols for the administration of anesthetic agents in analgesic dosages by registered nurses who are not CRNAs.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the March 23 meeting as well as the additional information you presented.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN