

November 21, 1990

Vicki S. Stringfellow, RN
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Dear Ms. Stringfellow:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the administration of synthetic lung surfactant by intratracheal instillation by: (a) RNs in neonatal intensive care units and/or (b) RNs with advanced practice privileges in neonatal intensive care units was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 15, 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 availability for a conference at the meeting to further clarify your situation.

At the November 15, 1990 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item # 10, the administration of synthetic lung surfactant by intratracheal instillation into a neonate is an advanced nursing function which falls within the role the neonatal clinical nurse specialist and a neonatal primary nurse associate recognized by the Board of Nursing as advanced practitioners of nursing. It is not within the scope of practice of the registered nurse who is not an advanced practitioner of nursing.

The members of the Nursing Practice Committee requested that I convey to you their appreciation for the excellent package of materials which you prepared for their review.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant