

November 21, 1990

Patricia H. Elkins, RN
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Dear Ms. Elkins:

Your request for an exception to the opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the delegation of the cleansing of wounds with certain pharmaceutical agents was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 15, 1990. You specifically requested that you be authorized to delegate the cleansing of wounds with Betadine, Peroxide and PhisoHex to nursing assistants on your decubitus team.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. The members of the Committee additionally held a telephone conference with Flora McIntyre to further clarify your situation. At the November 15 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item # 12, in a long-term care facility, the RN may not delegate the cleansing of wounds with Betadine, Peroxide, and PhisoHex to unlicensed personnel.

The members of the Board appreciated your input and that of Ms. McIntyre regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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