

September 9, 1991

Rose Patin, RN
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Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
5000 Hennessy Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Dear Ms. Patin:

This is to provide you with written confirmation of the action of the Board of Nursing on August 30, 1991 regarding your request for an opinion of the Board.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. Additionally, the Nursing Practice Consultant had observed a simulated performance of the procedure at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center on July 24, 1991. At the August 30 meeting, the Committee presented a summary of its deliberations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item #8, it is within the realm of practice of a registered nurse to remove a small silastic, uncuffed endobronchial tube used for the placement of an iridium source once the iridium source is removed, provided that the tube is free-floating in the bronchus.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence and that of Millie Pixley at the meeting to respond to questions and to present additional information.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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