

February 24, 1992

Beth Harris, RN
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Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Harris:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurses removing a Jackson Pratt drain in a home health situation was presented to the Board at its meeting on February 21, 1992.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had reviewed additional relevant literature. At the February 21 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to Agenda Item # 4.4, it is within the realm of practice of the registered nurse to remove a drain from a patient in a home health setting, provided that there is an appropriate order from a physician and said nurse has appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities documented in his/her file. This does not include chest tubes.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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