

February 24, 1992

Joyce Ollis, RN  
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Ollis:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurses performing a peripheral insertion of a central catheter (PICC) 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 # 4.5, it is not within the realm of practice for the registered nurse to insert a peripherally inserted central catheter in a home health setting.

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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