

June 1, 1992

Andrea Porter Garcia, RN
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Garcia:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse inserting coude tip catheters was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 22, 1992.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed the information you sent and the discussion of coude catheters in two basic nursing textbooks. At the May 22 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to Agenda Item 4.2, it is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to insert a coude tip catheter in a male patient provided that the nurse has the necessary knowledge and skills, including the recognition of complications.

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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