

August 12, 1992

Andrea P. Garcia, RN  
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Dear Ms. Garcia:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse injecting antibiotics into an intrathecal drain (catheter) in a patient with meningitis was presented to the Board at its meeting on August 7, 1992.

The Nursing Practice Committee reviewed all of the information you sent and had discussed the matter with you by telephone during the Committee meeting. At the August 7 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.3, it is not within the practice of a registered nurse to inject antibiotics intrathecally.

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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