

November 13, 1992

Kathleen J. Harris, RN, CETN and
Denise Hart, RN, ET
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Dear Mesdames Harris and Hart:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse performing sharp wound debridement was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 6, 1992.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the information you sent and appreciated the excellent article from the Journal of ET Nursing. At the November 6, 1992 meeting of the Board, 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 scope of practice for registered nurses to perform sharp wound debridement provided said nurses have advanced specialized education (beyond basic) and technical skills documented in their files, and validation of technical skills on an annual basis.

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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