

May 19, 1993

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Dear Ms. Bertrand:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse in a psychiatric hospital performing endotracheal intubation was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 14, 1993.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the information you sent and reviewed related previous actions of the Board. At the May 14, 1993 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 realm of practice for an ACLS certified registered nurse in a psychiatric hospital to perform intubation of a patient in an emergency (life-threatening) situation, in accord with approved institutional protocol.

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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