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Dear Ambulatory Treatment Center Staff:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse performing the peripheral insertion of a percutaneous central catheter was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 20, 1994.

The information you sent was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On May 20, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

As a response to Agenda Item #4.2, it is within the scope of practice for the RN to place a peripherally inserted central catheter via a non-seldinger technique. A radiographic verification of the placement is required prior to initiation of therapy. Said RN must have successfully completed a minimum of 8 contact hours of formalized education and practice in the technique. The educational program must be approved by the LSBN and/or ANCC.

If a midline catheter is placed, radiographic verification is not required.

The Nursing Practice Committee and the entire Board appreciated your contributions to their discussion of the issue.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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