

August 31, 1994

George H. Roberts, EdD, MT(ASCP), CLS(NCA)
Chair, Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee
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Dear Dr. Roberts:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse performing clinical laboratory science testing was presented to the Board at its meeting on August 26, 1994.

The information you sent, the relevant state statute and federal regulations, an opinion rendered by the Board's legal counsel, and the proposed administrative rules were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On August 26, 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, the Board adopted the opinion that registered nurses as a group are qualified to perform waived tests while nurses must be assessed individually to determine if each would qualify to perform moderate and high complexity testing.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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Revised 12/29/94 to read: It is within the legal scope of the practice of a registered nurse to perform clinical laboratory testing, and the performance of said testing is authorized by his or her Louisiana registered nurse license.