

September 1, 1994

Jeanne Dumestre, RN, MS C, FNP
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Dear Ms. Dumestre:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding Family Nurse Practitioners performing cervical, vaginal and vulvar biopsy, and endocervical curettage, was presented to the Board at its meeting on August 26, 1994.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue at its July 25 meeting and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. It is recorded that, at the Committee meeting, you withdrew your additional request for approval to perform endometrial biopsy. 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 4.10, the Board adopted the opinion that it is within the scope of the certified advanced practice nurse who has had additional specialized education and supervised clinical practice to perform: 1) cervical, vaginal, and vulvar biopsy; and 2) endocervical curettage.

The members of the Nursing Practice Committee and of the Board of Nursing appreciated your contribution to the discussion of this issue.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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