

November 7, 1994

Susan Hall, RN, BSN, MBA
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Dear Ms. Hall:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse reprogramming implanted spinal cord stimulation systems was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 5, 1994.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue at its October 3 meeting and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On November 5, 1994 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item #4.7, it is within the realm of practice for a registered nurse specially trained in pain control (beyond basic nursing education), at Schumpert Medical Center Pain Management Center, to reprogram implanted spinal cord stimulation systems in the Pain Center, provided a physician is available by telephone.

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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