

February 20, 1995

Cheryl Laffitte, RN  
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Dear Ms. Laffitte:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a school nurse giving a medication in excess of what the drug manufacturer recommends was presented to the Board at its February 15, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue, and, at its January 9, 1995 meeting, the Committee formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On February 15, 1995 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.3, it is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to refrain from administering Ritalin when the combined daily doses exceed the manufacturer's recommended daily maximum dose, provided there is no documentation available to establish the medical soundness of the order.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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