

May 17, 1995

Melissa Terrebonne, RN, CNOR  
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Dear Ms. Terrebonne:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse administering Streptokinase/Urokinase in a non-therapeutic dose to increase the patency of a renal dialysis access (i.e. Gortex graft) was presented to the Board at its May 12, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied your request, reviewed the literature on Streptokinase, and reviewed previous related opinions of the Board. At its April 10, 1995 meeting, the Committee formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On May 12, 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 administer Streptokinase/Urokinase in a non-therapeutic dose to increase the patency of a renal dialysis access (gortex graft) from the order of a physician provided a policy and procedure is in place and said nurse has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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