

May 17, 1995

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Lisa McClane, RNC, CNS
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Dear Mesdames Lawrence and McClane:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse in NICU inserting umbilical arterial catheters and umbilical venous catheters without direct supervision by the MD, either during transport or in NICU, was presented to the Board at its May 12, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied your request 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 #4.5, the insertion of an umbilical arterial catheter and umbilical venous catheter, either during transport or in the neonatal intensive care unit, is an advanced nursing function and may only be performed by an advanced practitioner of nursing recognized by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

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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