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Dear Mesdames Lawrence and McClane:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse administering exogenous surfactant via endotracheal tube to newborns in the delivery room, NICU, and on transport 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 #4.8, it is within the realm of RN practice to administer exogenous surfactant via endotracheal tube to newborns in the delivery room and the NICU where a physician or advanced practitioner of nursing is immediately available. Administration of surfactant during transport is reserved for the advanced practitioner of nursing.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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