

August 28, 1995

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Dear Mesdames Jeansonne and Lanza:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to an unlicensed person the performance of ostomy care, emptying of drainage, replacement of bag and maintenance of the ostomy was presented to the Board at its August 24, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied your request and reviewed previous related opinions of the Board. The Committee then formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On August 24, 1995 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 5.2, it is not in accord with the administrative rules for the registered nurse to delegate ostomy care, emptying of drainage, replacement of bag and maintenance of the ostomy to unlicensed personnel.

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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