

August 28, 1995

Jan Jeansonne RN & Debra Lanza, RN
Nursing Staff Development, Nurse Educator & Manager
Mercy+Baptist Medical Center
2700 Napoleon Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70115

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 emptying of a wound drain 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 5.4, it is within the administrative rules on delegation for the registered nurse to delegate emptying a wound drain to unlicensed personnel with documented skills and abilities provided rules on delegation are adhered to.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

npop95.17