

February 21, 1996

Sheldon West, RN
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Dear Ms. West:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding if it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to insert staples to a laceration was presented to the Board at its February 1, 1996 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue at its January 8, 1996 and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On February 1, 1996 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item 4.9:

That it is not within the scope of nursing practice for a registered nurse to insert staples to a laceration.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia K. Ladner, MN, RN
Nursing Consultant for Practice

cc: Tamela Greer, RN

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