

May 27, 1996

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Dear Ms. Townsend:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding if it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to remove an intra-aortic pump (IABP) catheter with or without a sheath from the femoral artery was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee at its April 8, 1996 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On May 16, 1996 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item 4.2:

It is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to remove an IAPB (intra-aortic balloon pump) catheter with or without a sheath from the femoral artery.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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