

November 20, 1996

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Dear Dr. Dalili:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse administering Ephedrine or other drugs as prescribed by anesthesia to manage transient hypotension of OB patients after the initiation of epidural analgesia and stabilization of vital signs and before delivery was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 20, 1996.

The information you sent and related information were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 20, 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, following the stabilization of vital signs after either bolus injection or establishment of continuous pump infusion anesthesia, the registered nurse can manage transient hypotension provided that anesthesia personnel maintains the responsibility for managing the epidural and is readily available.

The Nursing Practice Committee and the entire Board appreciated your presence and contributions, as well as those of the other interested persons, at the meetings.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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