

November 20, 1996

Kerry Milton, R.N.
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St. Tammany Parish Hospital
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Dear Ms. Milton:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse determining the correct position of a central line from a chest x-ray 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 #4.7, it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to determine the correct position of a central line from a chest x-ray in accord with L.R.S. 37:913.(14).

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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