

February 6, 1997

Patty Hayden, RN  
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Dear Ms. Hayden:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse discontinuing a CVC or PICC line in the home health setting was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee at its January 6, 1997 meeting.

The information you original sent with your request and the additional information submitted following the October 14, 1996 and January 6, 1997 Nursing Practice Committee meetings were studied by the Board. On February 5, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.2, it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to remove a peripherally inserted central catheter in the home setting provided that after discontinuing, the length should be measured to assure complete catheter removal which can only be accomplished if the exact amount of catheter inserted is known by the registered nurse removing the device; the registered nurse removing the catheter must have met the same educational requirements established by the Board for peripheral insertion of a percutaneous central catheter.

The Nursing Practice Committee and Board members appreciated your contributions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

cc: Carol L. McCutchen, RN, CRNI  
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