

May 19, 1997

Gwen Tabor, RN  
Director of Nursing  
Evangeline Kidney Center, Inc  
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Dear Ms. Tabor:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding whether or not it is within the scope of practice of registered nurses in chronic dialysis settings to remove Shiley/Quinton catheters used for temporary peripheral vascular access was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 15, 1997.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing practice Committee. On May 15, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 3.4, that it is **not** within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to remove the Shiley/Quinton catheter in a chronic dialysis setting.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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