

September 10, 1997

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Dear Dr. Smith:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing to reconsider its previous opinion regarding a registered nurse delegating to a LPN Esophageal Motility Study was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee on July 28, 1997.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On September 5, 1997 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 3.5, it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse to delegate to a LPN the performance of an esophageal motility study when the said LPN has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities and this information is documented on file.

The Board Members appreciated the well-organized, informative materials that you provided and your presence at the Board meeting to respond to questions, and present additional information. The Tensilon test relative to performance and documented knowledge, skills, and abilities was referred back to the Nursing Practice Committee.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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