

December 1, 1997

Cheryll Cusimano, RN
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Dear Ms. Cusimano:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse injecting muscle trigger-points as prescribed by a physician, when the physician is physically present was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee on October 20, 1997.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 20, 1997 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.3, that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to inject muscle trigger-points as prescribed by a physician, when the physician is physically present and in accord with R.S.37:930.D provided that the said RN has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities and documentation thereof.

The Committee and Board appreciate the well-organized, informative materials that you provided.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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