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Dear Ms. Titterington:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses performing mechanical hydrodebridement utilizing a bedside pulsed lavage system with a pre-set psi range was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 27, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 26, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.1, that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to perform bedside mechanical hydrodebridement with pulsed lavage when prescribed by a physician or other authorized prescriber, provided that the registered nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities with documented competency to said registered nurse's file.

The Board expressed appreciation for the informational materials submitted with the request. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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