

August 28, 1998

R. Russell Thread, M.D.  
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Our Lady of Lourdes  
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Dear Dr. Thread:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses giving any unused portion of a single dose ampule drug, preoperative sedation, to a CRNA or anesthesiologist to administer the remaining portion of the drug to a patient in the operating room or holding area was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you submitted 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 6.2, that it is **not** within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to distribute any unused portion of a single dose ampule drug.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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