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Dear Mr. Jones:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse in a Mobile Intensive Care Transport Unit, during life threatening situations, performing rapid sequential induction, needle chest decompression, intraosseous infusions and needle cricothyrotomy with transtracheal jet insufflation was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on October 20, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on November 18, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.1, **only in a life-threatening situation**, it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse, under specific medically approved protocols and when a licensed physician orders specific administration of sedates and/or paralytic agents in airway management of patients, to perform rapid sequential induction during ground transport provided that the said registered nurse has demonstrated the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities and such is documented to the said registered nurse's file. Furthermore, during ground transport a registered nurse may, under medically approved protocols and with direction of a licensed physician, perform needle chest decompression, intraosseous infusions and needle cricothyrotomy with transtracheal jet insufflation provided that the said registered nurse has demonstrated the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities and such is documented to the said registered nurse's file.

The Board expressed appreciation for your presence at the Committee meeting to answer questions relative to the request. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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