

February 14, 1999

Betty Miller, RN
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Dear Ms. Miller:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses removing Quinton catheters in an acute care setting, your request was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on January 7, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on February 10, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.1, it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse within the confines of a hospital/acute care setting, when a physician and an on site emergency care is readily available, to remove a non-implanted and non-cuffed, central venous catheter, provided the registered nurse has the necessary documented knowledge, skills, and abilities.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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