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Dear Ms. Breyel:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses assisting the transplant physician with bone marrow harvesting in the operating room, your request and the information you submitted 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 6.3, it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to harvest bone marrow.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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