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Dear Ms. Vanlangendonck:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses administering Optison, an echocardiogram enhancer, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on April 7, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on May 12, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.1, that the Board reaffirms it's previous opinion that it is within the scope of authorized practice of the registered nurse to inject contrast media by intravenous push method for use in radiology testing procedures within the immediate presence of a physician, provided the registered nurse shall have the necessary knowledge, preparation and skills to perform this procedure and evidence of these are maintained and documented in said nurse's file.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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