

May 17, 1999

Patricia A. Risch, RN
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Dear Ms. Risch:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding registered nurses removing or pulling of a sheath and catheter that has been inserted from the abdomen through the inguinal ligament into the femoral artery to infuse Urokinase to dissolve clots in the limb of a patient, 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 6.2, that it is not within the scope of authorized practice of the registered nurse to remove an abdominal sheath and catheter.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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