

August 26, 1999

Steven L. Collins, R.PH.
Inspector
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy
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Dear Mr. Collins:

Pursuant to your request on behalf of the Board of Pharmacy regarding registered nurses activating and reconstituting a drug for administration, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 8, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 25, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item **6.3**, that the Board accept the official position statement of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy that "the process of activating/reconstituting a drug in a sterile closed system transfer device is not an act of compounding that must be performed by a pharmacist" and accept the wording of their new Law, Title 37:1250.Exceptions "Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent or restrict the practice of nursing by a licensed registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse in accordance with R.S. 37:911 et seq., R.S. 37:1031 through 1034, or any other laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of nursing in the State of Louisiana."

Furthermore, it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse and an advanced practice registered nurse to activate and reconstitute medications for administration by the said nurse and to delegate to an LPN the administration of a drug in a sterile closed system transfer device when the pharmacy has connected and prepared the closed system transfer device.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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