

November 18, 1999

Wayne D. Papania
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Dear Mr. Papania:

Pursuant to your request on behalf of the physicians involved in the Optison Clinical Trails to have the Board of Nursing reconsider their opinion relative to registered nurses administering Optison, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on October 20, 1999. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on November 17, 1999, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.4, that the Board replace nursing practice opinion 99.05 as follows:

It is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse to administer Optison, an echocardiogram enhancer, when prescribed by an authorized prescriber provided the registered nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills, and ability to perform this procedure and evidence of such 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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