

March 18, 2003

Ginger Broussard, RN
Director, Breast Cancer
Our Lady of Lourdes
611 St. Landry Street
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Dear Ms. Broussard:

Pursuant to your request regarding a registered nurse delegating to an LPN the injection of lidocaine intradermally at the IV site to numb the skin prior to starting an IV was studied by the practice Committee on February 14, 2003. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 12, 2003, and, after deliberation, the Board adopted the following:

That in reference to agenda item 6.2 that the exception in RS 37:930(D) which permits registered nurses who are not certified nurse anesthetists, to administer local anesthetic agents by injection under the skin does not include language indicating that this function can be delegated; therefore, an RN can **not** delegate to an LPN the injection of local anesthetic agents.

Furthermore, that this issue be referred to the task force regarding RS 37:930.

The Task Force is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 14, 2003 @ 11:00 am, 6th floor conference room at the Board's office, 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director, LSBN

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