

April 14, 1977

Miss Sheila Castriotta, R.N.,  
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Dear Miss Castriotta:

Your request for an opinion from the Board of Nursing as to whether performing a Hollander's Test is within the realm of nursing practice was reviewed by the Members of the Board at their March meeting.

I have been instructed to inform you that it is the opinion of this Board that the performance of a Hollander's Test is not within the realm of nursing practice.

In their deliberation on this matter, the Board considered this test to be a provocative one that carries the registered nurse to the verge of a problem, namely, of making a medical diagnosis. The Board recognizes that some of the procedures, observations and assessments made during the test are within the practice of nursing. However, other observations and assessments call for making a medical diagnosis.

To reiterate, the Board of Nursing does not consider the performance of the Hollander's Test to be within the realm of nursing practice, therefore, any registered nurse performing this test would be in violation of the laws of this state.

Sincerely,

  
Merlyn M. Maillian, R.N.,  
Executive Director

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