

January 28, 1987~

Rose Marie Patin, RN~
Divisional Nursing Director~
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center~
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Dear Ms. Patin:~

At its meeting on January 28, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an official opinion regarding a registered nurse administering Streptokinase to increase the patency of various central lines (i.e., Hickman, Broviac, Porta-Caths) upon the order of a physician. The decision of the Board in this matter is as follows:

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It is within the realm of nursing practice of a registered nurse to administer Streptokinase (in non-therapeutic doses) to increase the patency of various central lines (i.e., Hickman, Broviac, Porta-Caths) upon the order of a physician.

The Board appreciated the information you sent regarding Streptokinase.

If I can further assist you in nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.~

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~
Nursing Practice Consultant~