

December 13, 1995

Debbie Bourgeois, R.N.  
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4200 Houma Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Bourgeois:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding Labor and Delivery, registered nurses inserting intrauterine pressure catheters (IUPC) into patients in labor was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 17, 1995.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue, and, at its October 16, 1995 meeting, the Committee formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On November 17, 1995 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.3, that the Board adopt the opinion that it is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to insert intrauterine pressure catheters (IUPC) into patients in labor provided the said nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities and is documented in the record.

If you have questions regarding this opinion, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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