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Ms. Charla B. Johnson
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Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice for a registered nurse to remove peripheral nerve block catheters; the Practice Committee considered your petition at the July 22, 2008 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on October 22, 2008, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That in reference to agenda item 6.2 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14)(l) that it is within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse to remove peripheral nerve block catheters (interscalene/femoral/sciatic/lumbar plexus).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
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