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Dear Ms. Poole,

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice of registered nurses to delegate to LPN the monitoring and removal of Terumo Bands; the Practice Committee considered your petition at the April 21, 2010 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on June 9, 2010.

That in reference to agenda item 6.1 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14) (f) which states:

§913 (14):

- (14) "Registered nursing" means the practice of the scope of nursing which is appropriate to the individual's educational level, knowledge, skills, and abilities, including:
- (f) Delegating nursing interventions to qualified nursing personnel in accordance with criteria established by the board.

And in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3703.A.a.ii.(a)(b)(c) which states:

- ii. The registered nurse may delegate to licensed practical nurses the major part of the nursing care needed by individuals in stable nursing situations, i.e., when the following three conditions prevail at the same time in a given situation:
 - (a). nursing care ordered and directed by R.N./M.D. requires abilities based on a relatively fixed and limited body of scientific fact and can be performed by following a defined nursing procedure with minimal alteration, and responses of the individual to the nursing care are predictable; and
 - (b). change in the patient's clinical conditions is predictable; and
 - (c). medical and nursing orders are not subject to continuous change or complex modification.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That it is not within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to delegate to the LPN monitoring and removal of Terumo Bands (radial arterial compression device) post angiography procedures.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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Ccc: Ms. Frances Weber, RN, LSU HSC Lafayette