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Dear Dr. Cazes:

Thank you for submitting your petition for practice opinion. Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice to eliminate the requirement for radiographic verification to verify placement of an external jugular vein catheter by a Registered Nurse in a life threatening, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered your petition at the December 10, 2014 Board meeting.

That in reference to Board agenda item # 5.1 and in accordance with R.S. 37:913 (14) which states: **§913 (14):**

“Registered nursing” means the practice of the scope of nursing which is appropriate to the individual's educational level, knowledge, skills, and abilities...

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That is it within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse (in a life threatening situation) to insert an External Jugular Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (EJ PICC). A radiographic verification of the placement is required prior to initiation of therapy via EJ PICCs. Said Registered Nurse must have successfully completed a minimum of eight (8) contact hours of formalized education and practice in the technique. The educational program shall be approved by the LSBN and/or ANCC. EJ PICCs are defined as catheters placed through the external jugular vein and advanced into position where the distal tip dwells in the lower one-third of the superior vena cava to the junction of the superior vena cava and the right atrium.

Additionally, it is within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse (in a life threatening situation) to insert an External Jugular Peripheral Intravenous Catheters (EJ PIVs). Said Registered Nurse must have successfully completed a minimum of eight (8) contact hours of formalized education and practice in the technique. EJ PIV catheters are defined as peripheral catheters placed in the external jugular vein.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you with your practice petition. Should you need the assistance of board staff in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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