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Dear Ms. Brennan:

Pursuant to your request regarding RNs obtaining an adipose tissue sample from a subject's buttock using a 16 gauge needle, your request and the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on January 26, 2000. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 15, 2000, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.3, that is within the scope of practice for an RN to obtain an adipose tissue sample from the buttock provided that the RN has the knowledge, skills, and ability documented in the said RN's file.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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