

August 14, 2001

Ronald P. Callegari, BSN, RN
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Dear Mr. Callegari:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of registered nurses performing a physiologic or pharmacologic cardiac stress test, administering Dobutamine **without** a physician present, with or without a nuclear component and monitoring these stress tests without the attending physician being present at the bedside but with a physician nearby, in-house, the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 17, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 12, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.1, it is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to perform a physiologic or pharmacologic (Dobutamine) cardiac stress testing with or without a nuclear component unless personal supervision is provided by the attending physician at the bedside.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

cc: Kathy Hebert, MD
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