

May 3, 2004

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Dear Ms Ratcliffe:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of a registered nurse monitoring of a patient in a controlled setting receiving IV Conscious Sedation which may on occasion progress to deep sedation for a short period of time, when administered by a physician, the Practice Committee studied the results of the Task Force on Pain Management. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on March 17, 2003, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

Accept the draft of the Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse Monitoring a Patient Receiving Conscious Sedation and referred it back to the Practice Committee to ensure compliance with the law and Board rules.

The Practice Committee reviewed the statement at the April 27, 2004 meeting and revised to ensure compliance with the Law and Board's rules.

The Board of Nursing expressed their gratitude for your participation on the Task Force and for the outcomes generated by the Task Force on Pain Management.

Contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication (504) 838-5422.

Sincerely,

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director, LSBN

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