

November 9, 2004

Deborah Spell, RN
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Dear Ms. Spell:

Pursuant to your request regarding the authorized scope of practice for a certified nurse practitioner and a registered nurse performing physiologic or pharmacologic cardiac stress tests, the Practice Committee considered your petition at the July 27, 2004 Practice Committee meeting. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on October 27, 2004, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That it is within the RN's scope of practice to assist the APRN that has the knowledge, skills, abilities, prescriptive authority and a collaborative practice agreement with a collaborating physician to perform a physiologic or pharmacologic cardiac stress test.

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

Sincerely.

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Enclosure

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