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Mary Ann Smith, RN, BSN, OCN
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Dear Mrs. Smith:

Pursuant to your request regarding what functions related to patient controlled analgesia (PCA) can the RN delegate to the LPN, the Practice Committee considered your petition and subsequently presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on December 7, 2005. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following action:

That the previous opinion rendered May 14, 1993 on RN delegation to the LPN functions related to patient controlled analgesia (PCA), be reaffirmed.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director
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