

May 26, 1987

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Dear Ms. Berry:

At its regular meeting on May 21, 1987 the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request that the Board address two activities to determine whether or not these activities are within the realm of registered nurse practice. The questions posed to the Board are:

1. May a registered nurse delegate to a licensed practical nurse the acceptance of a verbal order from a physician for said licensed practical nurse's patient?
2. May a registered nurse administer Streptokinase in therapeutic doses on the order of a physician (M.D.)?

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following positions:

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In reference to agenda item 2g on May 21, 1987, it is within the realm of practice for the registered nurse to delegate to a licensed practical nurse to accept a verbal order from a physician for said licensed practical nurse's patient, provided that it is in accord with the Board's rules on delegation.

.21 In reference to agenda item 2h on May 21, 1987, it is within the realm of practice for a registered nurse to administer Streptokinase in therapeutic doses on the order of a physician (M.D.), if said registered nurse has the appropriate knowledge and skills.

The Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss these questions with you before making decisions regarding these matters.

If I can further assist you with nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN  
Nursing Practice Consultant