

January 28, 1991

Beverly Hasty-Voelkel, RN
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Hasty-Voelkel:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the insertion of a percutaneous central venous catheter in neonates by Level III NICU nurses was presented to the Board at its meeting on January 25, 1991.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. The members of the Committee appreciated your availability for a conference at the meeting to further clarify your situation. At the January 25 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item # 6, the peripheral insertion of a percutaneous central catheter in a neonate is within the realm of practice of an advanced practitioner of nursing, provided this nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities, and that these be maintained and documented in said nurse's file.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the meeting as well as the additional information you presented.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director