

January 28, 1991

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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Ms. Connaughton:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding an advanced practitioner of nursing programming permanent pacemakers after implantation 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 # 8, it is within the realm of the advanced practitioner of nursing recognized by the Board of Nursing to program permanent pacemakers after implantation, provided said nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities, including specific education in programming permanent pacemakers, and provided the programming is in accord with medically approved protocols. In addition, documentation of current knowledge, skills and abilities shall be maintained in the 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