

May 28, 1991

Vicki S. Stringfellow, RN  
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Dear Ms. Stringfellow:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding endotracheal intubation of a neonate in less than life-threatening situations was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 24, 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. However, the package of materials which you sent was self-explanatory.

At the May 24, 1991 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item # 9, the endotracheal intubation of a neonate in less than life-threatening situations is an advanced nursing function which falls within the role of the neonatal clinical nurse specialist and a neonatal primary nurse associate recognized by the Board of Nursing as advanced practitioners of nursing. It is not within the scope of practice of the registered nurse who is not an advanced practitioner of nursing.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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