

June 1, 1992

Joseph E. Chaney III, RN  
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RE: Nursing Practice Opinion

Dear Mr. Chaney:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse performing arterial punctures for blood gas sampling in the home health setting was presented to the Board at its meeting on May 22, 1992.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and related prior actions of the Board. At the May 22 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to Agenda Item 4.3, it is within the realm of registered nurse practice to perform arterial punctures for blood gas sampling in the home health setting provided that the nurse has the necessary skills and knowledge, and that there is individual documentation of same.

If you have questions about this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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