

August 30, 1993

Timothy C. Cotita, RN  
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Dear Mr. Cotita:

On August 27, 1993, the Board of Nursing completed its deliberation on your request for an opinion regarding the scope of practice of a registered nurse, specifically relative to the selection of the site, application of the electrodes, adjustment of the settings, and monitoring the response to Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS), pursuant to an order of a physician and provided the nurse has documented training.

At its July, 1993 meeting, the Nursing Practice Committee studied the information you sent and formulated a recommendation which it presented to the Board at the August 27 meeting. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to Agenda Item #4.4, it is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to select the site, apply electrodes, adjust the settings and monitor the response to Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS) pursuant to a physician's order, provided the RN has documented evidence of appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities.

The Committee and the Board appreciated the well-organized, informative materials which you sent.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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