

November 21, 1993

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Dear Ms. Frederick:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse using Xylocaine to infiltrate the skin around a femoral sheath site prior to its removal was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 18, 1993.

The information you sent and related information were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On November 18, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to Agenda Item 4.10, in accord with LRS 37:930, D., which states, in part, "Nothing herein shall prohibit the injection of local anesthetic agents under the skin or application of topical anesthetic agents by a registered nurse when prescribed by a physician or dentist who is licensed to practice in this state..." a registered nurse may inject a local anesthetic under the skin prior to removing a femoral sheath.

A copy of the Nurse Practice Act is enclosed for your reference.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

Enclosure

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