

March 2, 1994

Mary Alice Carpenter, Secretary
Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners
2701 Despaux Drive
Chalmette, LA 70043

Dear Ms. Carpenter:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a nurse practitioner suturing lacerations of the skin was presented to the Board at its meeting on February 23, 1994.

The information you sent and related information were studied by the Nursing Practice Committee. On February 23, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In response to Agenda Item #4.2, it is within the realm of practice of nursing for a primary nurse associate (nurse practitioner) to perform suturing of lacerations of the skin according to established protocol, in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3707.B.4, provided said nurse has documented necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities.

The Board of Nursing appreciated your presence and contribution at the meeting.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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