

August 31, 1994

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Dear Mr. Trosclair:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse administering analgesic doses of Innovar and Sublimaze if an anesthesiologist is physically present in the PACU was presented to the Board at its meeting on August 26, 1994.

The Nursing Practice Committee completed its study of the issue at its July 25 meeting and presented its recommendation to the Board on August 26. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

As a response to Agenda Item #4.3, the Board adopted the opinion that it is within the realm of practice for a registered nurse to administer an analgesic dose of sublimaze pursuant to a physician's order. However, when given during a period of emergence from anesthesia, an anesthesiologist must be within the physical facility. In reference to the administration of Innovar, and based on the manufacturer's recommendation, it should be administered only by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists specifically trained in the use of intravenous anesthetics and management of the respiratory effects of potent opioids.

The Nursing Practice Committee and the entire Board appreciated your contributions to their discussion of the issue.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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