

November 7, 1994

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Dear Mr. Pringle:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding registered nurse performing a Rapid Sequential Induction in a prehospital setting when assigned to the Life Air Rescue helicopter was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 5, 1994.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue at its October 3 meeting and formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On November 5, 1994 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item #4.4, **only in life-threatening situations**, it is within the scope of registered nurse practice, under the direction of a licensed physician or under specific medically approved protocols, to administer sedation and/or paralytics in airway management of patients when said RN is assigned to a Life Air Rescue helicopter, providing said nurse has demonstrated the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities (beyond basic nursing education), and such is documented in the record.

The Nursing Practice Committee appreciated your input during their deliberation on this question.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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