

February 20, 1995

Windi Washer, RN
Staff Registered Nurse
Glenwood Regional Medical Center Home Health
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Dear Ms. Washer:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse flushing a nephrostomy with normal saline in a home health situation was presented to the Board at its February 15, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue, and, at its January 9, 1995 meeting, the Committee formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On February 15, 1995 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.6, it is within realm of nursing practice for the registered nurse to flush a nephrostomy with normal saline provided the said nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to do so and there is an established policy and procedure.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN

Executive Director

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