

February 6, 1997

Jill Stokes, RN  
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Dear Ms. Stokes:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse performing an esophageal motility study and delegating this function to LPNs was presented to the Nursing Practice Committee at its January 6, 1997 meeting.

The information you original sent with your request and the additional information submitted following the October 14, 1996 and January 6, 1997 Nursing Practice Committee meetings were studied by the Board. On February 5, the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.1, it is within the scope of practice for registered nurses to perform esophageal motility studies provided that the nurse has the necessary knowledge, skills, and current clinical competence to the perform the study and that this information is documented in the registered nurse's file.

And further, the registered nurse **may not** delegate the esophageal motility study and the Tensilon test to an LPN.

The Nursing Practice Committee and Board members appreciated your presence and contributions at both meetings. Your willingness to answer questions of the Board facilitated their deliberation.

March 1, 1997 is the deadline for submitting information to the Board's office for the April 14, 1997 Nursing Practice Committee Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN  
Executive Director

cc: Karen Iida, RN  
Director of Surgical Services  
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