

August 28, 1998

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Dear Ms. Carver:

Pursuant to your request for an opinion of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse administering Brevital, a short-acting barbiturate, under the direct supervision of a cardiologist for elective cardioversion in the Catheterization and Electrophysiology Labs was presented to the Board of Nursing.

The information you sent and related information was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 27, 1998 and the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 26, 1998, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.6, that it is **not** within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to administer Brevital.

The Board expressed appreciation for your presence at the Committee meeting to answer questions relative to the request. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

cc: Priscilla Jeansonne, RN, CNS
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