

STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF NURSING

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HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
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RE: Petition for Declaratory Statement of
DIANE DAVIS, R.N.

CLERK *Dorra C. Kirk*
DATE *December 15, 1995*

CASE NO.: BON-DS-95-02

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Nursing pursuant to Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-4, Florida Administrative Code, on October 4 and 6, 1995, in St. Petersburg, Florida, and on December 8, 1995, in Orlando, Florida, for the purpose of considering the Petition for Declaratory Statement filed by Diane Davis. The Petitioner did not appear.

The matter had been evaluated by the Nursing Practice Committee at its October 4, 1995, meeting and the full Board on October 6, and December 8, 1995. Having considered the petition and supporting documentation supplied by Petitioner, the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Diane Davis, R.N., is a registered nurse in the State of Florida. She is the nursing supervisor in post anesthesia care unit/ambulatory care of North Bay Medical Center.
2. Petition asks whether it is within the scope of practice for registered nurses to give Sodium Pentothal IV push under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist for pain management.
3. Petitioner indicates the procedures will be done in a small recovery room which has emergency supplies and medication readily available for airway management. The nurses in the unit have recovery room and/or ICU experience, are ACLS certified, and have experience managing airways. Petitioner has submitted a two-page policy and procedure for administration

of Sodium Pentothal IV by the RN and a proposed educational outline. Additionally, she supplied articles from professional journals on the on the use of sodium pentothal as an anesthetic agent.

4. Sodium pentothal is used in anesthesia, but not as an analgesic agent.

5. The Board is aware that some substances, which in high dose may serve as anesthetics, in low dose may serve in an analgesia capacity for pain management. The Board is not aware that the prevailing practice in this state or other states is to use sodium pentothal as an analgesia. The information available to the Board is quite the contrary. It is an anesthetic agent.

6. Section 464.003(3)(a), Florida Statutes, in pertinent part provides:

(3)(a) "Practice of professional nursing" means the performance of those acts requiring substantial specialized knowledge, Judgment, and nursing skill based upon applied principles of psychological, biological, physical, and social sciences which shall include but not be limited to:

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The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed or authorized by a duly licensed practitioner authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe such medications and treatments.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-4, Florida Administrative Code.

2. The Petition filed by Ms. Davis is in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-4.001, Florida Administrative Code. Petitioner has the requisite interest to maintain this proceeding.

3. It is the opinion of the Board of Nursing that registered nurses may not give Sodium Pentothal IV push for pain management.

4. Petitioner may appeal this Order by filing one copy of a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Board, and by filing a fee and one copy of a Notice of Appeal to the District Court of Appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed.

DONE and ORDERED this 8th day of December, 1995.

BOARD OF NURSING

Nancy Breen, R.N.
NANCY BREEN, R.N.
CHAIRMAN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Final Order has been forwarded by U.S. Mail to Diane Davis, R.N., North Bay Medical Center, PACU/Ambulatory Care, 6600 Madison Street, New Port Richey, Florida 34652 this 15th day of December, 1995.

Nancy Breen R.N.