

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: THE PETITION FOR DECLARATORY  
STATEMENT OF:

KAREN SZUCS, R.N.  
CASE NO.: BON-DS-90-9

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 December 7, 1990, in Tampa, Florida for the purpose of considering the Petition for Declaratory Statement filed by Karen Szucs. Having considered the petition and supporting documentation provided by Petitioner, the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is a registered nurse in the state of Florida, employed in the Nursing Education Department at St. Francis Hospital in Miami Beach, Florida.
2. Petitioner asks whether it is within the scope of practice for nurses as defined in Section 464.003(3), Florida Statutes to declot right atrial catheters with the instillation of urokinase.
3. The Petition was noticed by the Board in the March 2, 1990, issue of Florida Administrative Weekly, Volume 16, No. 9, Page 1050.

4. Section 464.003(3)(b), Florida Statutes, in pertinent part provides:

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

(1) The observation, assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning, intervention, and evaluation of care; health teaching and counseling of the ill, injured, or infirm; and the promotion of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of illness of others.

(2) 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.

#### 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 the Petitioner is in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-4.001, Florida Administrative Code, and Petitioner has the requisite interest to maintain this proceeding.

3. The Board is of the opinion that it is within the scope of practice under Section 464.003(3)(a)(2), Florida Statutes, for a properly trained registered nurse to declot right atrial catheters with the instillation of urokinase.

Petitioner is notified that she may appeal this order by filing one copy of the Notice of Appeal to the Clerk of the agency, and by filing a filing fee and one copy of the Notice of Appeal with the District Court of Appeal within thirty (30) days of the date this order is filed.

DONE and ORDERED this 26th day of December, 1990.

BOARD OF NURSING

*Natalia N. Cruz*

NATALIA N. CRUZ, A.R.N.P.  
CHAIRMAN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been furnished by certified mail to Karen B. Szucs, R.N., Nurse Educator, St. Francis Hospital, 250 W. 63rd Street, Miami, Beach, FL 33141 this 26th day of December, 1990.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR