



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Dear Mr. Rossetti,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in response to your letter of September 21, 2011 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules that relate to the performance of Tuberculin Skin Testing and Flu Vaccinations by Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP's). Based on the information you furnished, the Board understands that the Tuberculin Skin Testing and Flu Vaccinations would be performed only in a medical practice or other health care facility and under the order and supervision of a licensed physician.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on October 13, 2011 and has determined performance of Tuberculin Skin Testing and Flu Vaccinations by RCP's which are performed under the order and supervision of a licensed physician are within the scope of practice of the RCP.

To assure the quality and efficacy of the testing, the practice or facility where these tests and vaccinations are performed must: 1) maintain written policies and guidelines, as it would for any procedures provided by the RCP's that it employs; 2) require each RCP providing the Tuberculin Skin Testing to complete a documented training course provided by the health care facility or medical practice which employs the RCP; 3) require each RCP providing Flu Vaccinations to complete a documented training course provided by the health care facility or medical practice which employs the RCP; and 4) require each RCP to have a documented skills evaluation and documented annual competency reviews in the procedure.

Please advise if you have any other questions about this issue.

Regards,

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Executive Director