



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Dear Ms. Cooke,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in reference to your letter of August 9, 2004 requesting interpretation as to whether a Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) may administer Adenosin and Dobutamine to cardiac stress test patients.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on October 7, 2004 and approved the following interpretation of the Respiratory Care Practice act and Board rules concerning your request:

In reference to the administration of Adenosin and Dobutamine to cardiac stress test patients, the Board has determined RCP's may administer Adenosin and Dobutamine to cardiac stress test patients as long as he or she has documented training and annual documented competency reviews in the administration of Adenosin and Dobutamine to cardiac stress test patients. The facility or program where this procedure is performed must maintain policies and guidelines for performing the procedure, as it would for any procedures provided by the RCP's that it employs. The RCP's administering Adenosin and Dobutamine to cardiac stress test patients must also have documented approval from the hospital pharmacy and nursing departments.

This interpretation only covers the administration of Adenosin and Dobutamine to cardiac stress test patients by licensed RCP's.

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

Regards,

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Executive Director