



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Dear Mr. Young,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in reference to your letter of May 21, 2010 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules as it relates to respiratory care practitioners administering Lexiscan and Aminophylline during cardiac stress testing.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on July 8, 2010 and approved the following interpretation of the Respiratory Care Practice Act and Board rules concerning your request:

In reference to the administration of Lexiscan and Aminophylline to patients during cardiac stress testing, the Board has determined RCP's may administer Lexiscan and Aminophylline to cardiac stress test patients as long as he or she has documented training and annual documented competency reviews in the administration of Lexiscan and Aminophylline 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 Lexiscan and Aminophylline to cardiac stress test patients must also have documented approval from the hospital pharmacy and nursing departments.

This interpretation only covers the administration of Lexiscan and Aminophylline to cardiac stress test patients by licensed RCP's. The administration of Lexiscan and Aminophylline to patients during cardiac stress testing must be performed under direct supervision of the attending physician.

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

Regards,

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Executive Director