



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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October 10, 2013

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Dear Ms. Ray,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in reference to your letter of June 23, 2013 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules concerning Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) drawing IV blood for laboratory testing and administering saline for IV locks at your freestanding emergency department.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on October 10, 2013 and approved the following interpretation of the Respiratory Care Practice Act and Board rules concerning your request:

The Board has determined that a RCP may draw IV blood for laboratory testing and administering saline for IV locks at a licensed healthcare facility if he or she has documented training and annual documented competency reviews in the procedure approved by the facility. The facility 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.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Floyd E. Boyer".

Floyd E. Boyer, RRT, RCP
Executive Director