

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT # 90-52

TITLE: Removal of Venous and Arterial Sheaths by Unlicensed Personnel

The Board of Nursing Regulation 18 VAC 90-20-440.1 (f) requires that the task “have predictable results and for which the consequences of performing the task or procedure improperly are minimal and not life-threatening”.

It is important to note that the Board of Nursing has no authority to tell a facility what it may or may not do, but to the extent that a question is raised about its regulations, it may respond to the question.

The Board's interpretation is that the delegation of the task of removal of venous and arterial sheaths by unlicensed personnel is not consistent with the regulations on delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed persons.

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