

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF NURSING**

IN RE: THE PETITION  
FOR DECLARATORY  
STATEMENT OF  
AMANDA M. WALTER, RN

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**FINAL ORDER**

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF NURSING (hereinafter Board) pursuant to §120.565, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-105, Florida Administrative Code, at a duly-noticed meeting in Tampa, Florida on June 7, 2012, for the purpose of considering the Petition for Declaratory Statement (attached as Exhibit A) filed by AMANDA M. WALTER, RN (hereinafter Petitioner). Having considered the petition, the arguments submitted by counsel for Petitioner, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings and conclusions.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. This petition was noticed by the Board in Vol. 38, No. 19, dated May 11, 2012 of the Florida Administrative Weekly .
2. Petitioner, AMANDA M. WALTER, RN, is registered nurse licensed to practice nursing in the State of Florida.
3. Petitioner is the Clinical Educator for Emergency Services at Lee Memorial Hospital, a level II trauma center.
4. Petitioner seeks advice regarding whether it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to perform intraosseous cannulation under the direct supervision of a licensed physician in a hospital emergency department.

5. Petitioner has not performed an intraosseous cannulation, and has not been asked to do so.

6. Petitioner seeks a statement of general applicability regarding the identified procedure.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-105, Florida Administrative Code.

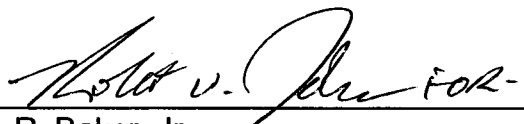
2. The petition filed in this cause is in not substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-105, Florida Administrative Code.

3. A declaratory statement may only address particular circumstances of the Petitioner, and may not constitute a statement of general applicability concerning other licensees.

WHEREFORE, the Board dismisses the petition.

DONE AND ORDERED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

**BOARD OF NURSING**

  
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Joe R. Baker, Jr.  
Executive Director for  
Ann-Lynn Denker, ARNP, PhD, Chair

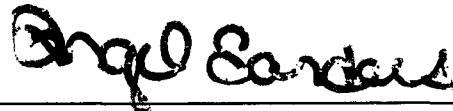
### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

Pursuant to Section 120.569, Florida Statutes, the parties are hereby notified that they may appeal this Final Order by filing one copy of a notice of appeal with the

clerk of the department and by filing a filing fee and one copy of a notice of appeal with the District Court of Appeal within thirty days of the date this Final Order is filed.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been furnished by U.S. Mail to Petitioner AMANDA M. WALTER, RN, Lee Memorial Hospital, 2776 Cleveland Avenue, Ft. Myers FL 33901, and by interoffice mail to Marcella Blocker, Department of Legal Affairs, PL-01 The Capitol, Tallahassee FL 32399-1050 this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.



**Deputy Agency Clerk**

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TO: Cassandra G. Pasley, BSN, JD, Chief  
Bureau of Health Care Practitioner Regulation

FROM: Joe Baker, Jr., Executive Director  
Florida Board of Nursing

DATE: July 5, 2012

RE: Delegation of Authority

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During my absence on Friday, July 6, 2012, Robert Johnson [Program Operations Administrator] is delegated authority for the board office.

Thank you.

JBjr/ms

Petition for Declaratory Statement  
Before the Florida Board of Nursing

Date of Petition: April 13, 2012

Petitioner: Amanda M. Walter, RN, MSN, CEN  
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Board of Nursing

Seeking declaratory statement on Florida statute: 464.003

Petitioner is seeking clarification as to whether or not it is within the scope of practice for a properly trained Registered Nurse in the state of Florida to perform intraosseous cannulation under the direct supervision of a Florida licensed physician in a hospital emergency department.

I have not performed intraosseous cannulation, and have not been asked to do so. As the Clinical Educator for Emergency Services at a level II trauma center, I am inquiring on behalf of physician colleagues whom have questioned whether intraosseous cannulation is within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse in the state of Florida. Currently, intraosseous cannulation in my facility is performed by physicians only, and they have inquired whether the Registered Nurses in our department could be trained to perform intraosseous cannulation. As the Florida Board of Nursing does not specifically address intraosseous cannulation in the Nurse Practice Act, or in any other previous declaratory statements, this petitioner is seeking clarification on whether it would be within the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse to perform intraosseous cannulation under the following specific circumstances:

1. Practice setting is a hospital emergency department, located within a 355 bed acute care facility, which is also a State of Florida verified level II trauma center.
2. The Registered Nurse would have received education regarding intraosseous cannulation, including the completion of an educational module provided by the manufacturer of the intraosseous cannulation equipment, and the demonstration of competency by performing simulated intraosseous cannulation using a training manikin.
3. Intraosseous cannulation of patients would be performed under the direct supervision of an Emergency Room Physician licensed in the State of Florida.

Signed:



Amanda M. Walter, RN, MSN, CEN