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Dear Dr. Wilson:

Please accept my apology for the delay in responding to your recent correspondence regarding Nurse Anesthetists.

It is within the scope of practice of the CRNA to provide pain management services and emergency procedures both inside and outside the operating room suite. These services would include endotracheal intubation, injection of anesthetic or narcotic substances into the epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid spaces, injection of somatic nerves with anesthetic agents, and injection of sympathetic nerves with anesthetic agents.

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

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