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Dear Mrs. Kohnke:

References are to your letter to me, dated February 13, 1980, and mine to you, dated February 22, 1980.

At its March 20-21, 1980 meeting, the Board of Nursing deliberated on the interpretation of the legal definition of nursing practice (R.S. 37:913, 3) in relationship to your question relative to invasive pressure monitoring. After carefully reviewing the details of the procedure the Board formulated the following declaratory statement:

The introduction of a catheter into an artery for purposes such as pressure monitoring is not within the realm of nursing.

Because this is an official statement of the Board of Nursing, duly formulated while the Board was in session, it takes precedence over any staff opinion previously rendered. Therefore, the information which I gave you in my February 22, 1980 letter is no longer relevant and is, herewith, recalled.

If I can further assist you in this matter or in other nursing practice matters, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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