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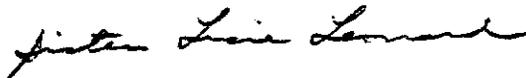
Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Your request for an interpretive statement concerning the legality of registered nurses in the SICU at LSU Medical Center obtaining Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressures upon physician's order was on the agenda for the September 4-5, 1980 meeting of the Board of Nursing. After due deliberation, the Board formulated the following declaratory statement:

It is the practice of nursing for the specifically prepared registered nurse, with medical direction, to obtain pulmonary capillary wedge pressures. Said special preparation should be properly documented in the registered nurse's file.

Your efforts to protect the health and welfare of your patients are appreciated by the Board of Nursing. If we can further assist you, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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