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Ms. Denise Brown, R.N.
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Dear Ms. Brown:

The Board of Nursing held its scheduled meeting on December 10-11, 1981. Your request for an interpretation of the Rules of the Board of Nursing on the Delegation of the Nursing Function of Administration of Intravenous Medications and Fluids, R.N. 3.051, in regards to the legality of delegating the maintenance of a heparin lock to a licensed practical nurse with proper in-service, was presented to the Board. Your written communication was made available to the Board.

After due deliberation on all available aspects of the issue, the Board formulated the following opinion:

Maintenance of a heparin lock is among the tasks which may be delegated in I.V. Therapy in accordance with R.N. 3.051.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to engage in dialogue with you prior to formulating their opinion.

If you have questions relative to this matter, or any other nursing practice matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard

Sister Lucie Leonard, R.N.
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