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Dear Ms. Casey:

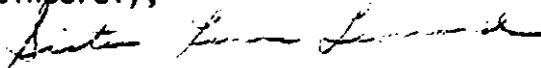
This is to provide you with a written confirmation of the action of the Board of Nursing on May 6, 1982, relative to your request for the Board's interpretation of the legal definition of nursing practice with regards to the following question: Is an R.N. allowed to remove Swan Ganz Catheters? The Board adopted the following opinion:

The removal of the Swan Ganz Catheter may be within the realm of nursing providing the individual Registered Nurse has knowledge, preparation and skill supporting her/his ability to do so, and that (s)he maintains educational preparation in performing such task.

Considering the possible complications associated with the removal of a Swan Ganz Catheter by any health care provider, the nurse must be adequately prepared to intervene in the event of any complication.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss your situation with you prior to formulating their opinion.

Sincerely,



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