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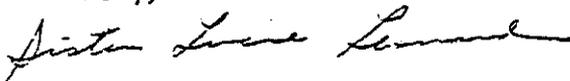
Dear Ms. Willimann:

The Board of Nursing appreciated the opportunity for dialogue with you and Susan Doggette at its meeting on September 1, 1982. The topic under discussion was the delegatory function of the registered nurse, as provided for in R.S. 37:913, and R.N. 302 (1) (1), relative to circulating in the operating room.

The conclusion reached after much discussion was that in selective situations the registered nurse may delegate tasks involved in circulation if the criteria specified in the rules of the Board are met. The process of circulation is not to be delegated. It is understood that a registered nurse would be in charge and would make the judgement regarding what tasks can be delegated to which person in each particular situation. The criteria specified in the rules of the Board must be met in each situation.

If you have further questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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