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Dear Ms. Comarda:

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing held its scheduled meeting on November 18 - 19, 1982. Pursuant to your request the Board adopted an interpretation of L.R.S. 37:913(3) regarding the legality of the removal of a femoral arterial sheath after a percutaneous coronary angioplasty by a registered nurse.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following statement:

In view of the current information available, the Board considers that the removal of the femoral arterial sheath post percutaneous coronary angioplasty is not within the practice of nursing by the Registered Nurse.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you, and they also appreciated the written materials which you provided.

If I can assist you with nursing practice matters in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, R.N., M.S.N.
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cc: Becky Messenger, Division Manager

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