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Mr. Tim J. Murphy  
3012 Pinewood Court  
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Pursuant to your request, the Board of Nursing, at its January 19-20, 1984 meeting, issued its opinion regarding registered nurses monitoring a patient's vital signs and controlling the tourniquets for Bier block anesthesia. The Board's opinion is as follows:

It is not within the legal practice of the registered nurse who is not a C.R.N.A. to monitor or to participate in the regulation of tourniquets during a Bier block anesthetic.

If you have further questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Sister Lucie Leonard*

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