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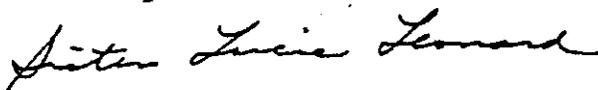
Dear Ms. Thomas:

This is to provide you with written confirmation of the response of the Board of Nursing to your question concerning the legal implications of registered nurses instilling medication into chest tubes at the request or order of a physician. On November 30, 1984, the Board adopted the following opinion:

The instillation of medication into chest tubes is not within the realm of the practice of nursing by the registered nurse.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,



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