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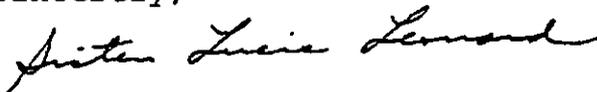
Dear Ms. Bess:

This is to provide you with written confirmation of the response of the Board of Nursing to your question regarding the performance of finger pricks by registered nurses for Dextrometer reading of glucose and hemoglobin determination. On November 30, 1984, the Board adopted the following opinion:

The function of finger pricks for Dextrometer (glucose) and hemoglobin readings by the clinical practitioner faculty of the University of Southwestern Louisiana College of Nursing is considered a part of nursing assessment within the established nursing clinics of U.S.L.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss your situation with you and Charles Wright before formulating the above opinion.

Sincerely,



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