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Dear Ms. Madacsi:

On November 21, 1985, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your question regarding the registered nurse caring for and monitoring patients with the Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump. The Board's opinion is as follows:

The monitoring and nursing care of patients with the Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump is within the legal realm of nursing provided the registered nurse has the appropriate knowledge, preparation and skills to do so and that this preparation is maintained and documented.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you, Janet Morse and Sue Pastor prior to formulating their opinion.

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, R.N.
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