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Dear Ms. Perroux:

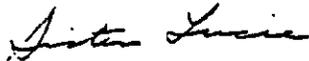
Reference is to my letter to you, dated November 27, 1985, wherein I relayed to you the two opinions of the Board of Nursing rendered on November 21, 1985 in response to your questions regarding the legal realm of the practice of registered nurses.

On January 24, 1986, the Board reconsidered their opinion relative to arterial catheters (not sheaths) and the revised opinion is as follows:

In the presence of a physician, the removal of an arterial catheter during or following angiographic procedures is within the realm of the practice of the registered nurse provided said nurse has the necessary preparation, knowledge and skills and these are so documented.

This reconsideration occurred pursuant to a motion made by a Board member. I am notifying you because you made the most recent request for an opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,



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