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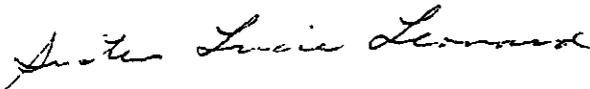
Dear Mdmes. Trattler and Maddox:

On March 12, 1986, the Board of Nursing formulated opinions regarding the two questions which you requested to be presented to the Board. These opinions are:

1. It is the opinion of the Board of Nursing that, pursuant to a physician's order, the irrigation of intra-abdominal drains is within the realm of the practice of registered nurses providing they have the appropriate knowledge and skills to do so and it is so documented in their files.
2. It is the opinion of the Board of Nursing that it is not within the realm of the practice of registered nurses to reinsert and intra-abdominal drain or saratoga sump.

The Board members appreciated the presence of Julie Maddox who responded to their questions.

Sincerely,



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