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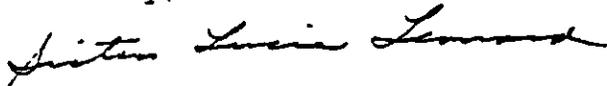
Dear Ms. Overheu:

On May 9, 1986, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an interpretation of the legal definition of nursing practice, particularly whether or not the insertion of a guidewire via an arterial catheter into the aorta for catheter removal is within the legal realm of the practice of a registered nurse. The Board's opinion in this matter is as follows:

The insertion of a guidewire via an arterial catheter into the aorta for catheter removal is not within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you before formulating their opinion.

Sincerely,



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