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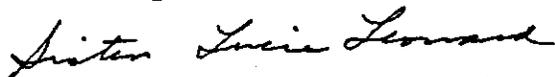
Dear Mr. Boase:

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 injecting contrast media by intravenous push method for use in physician supervised radiologic testing procedures is within the legal realm of the practice of a registered nurse. The Board's opinion in this matter is as follows:

It is within the scope of authorized practice of the registered nurse to inject contrast media by intravenous push method for use in radiologic testing procedures within the immediate presence of a physician, provided the registered nurse shall have the necessary knowledge, preparation and skills to perform this procedure and evidence of these are maintained and documented in said nurse's file.

If I can further assist you in nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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