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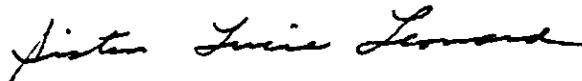
Dear Ms. Herrle:

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 declotting a central venous device with a non-therapeutic dose of Urokinase 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 realm of the practice of a registered nurse, under established protocol, to administer a non-therapeutic dose of Urokinase for declotting a central venous device, provided the registered nurse has the necessary knowledge, preparation and skills to do so and that such is maintained and documented in said nurse's file.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Diane Benitez before formulating their opinion. They also appreciated the literature which you sent in advance for their review before the meeting.

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, R.N.  
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cc: Diane Benitez, R.N.

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