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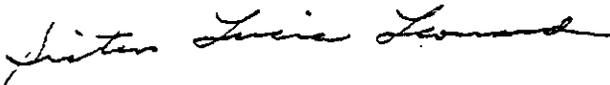
Dear Ms. Thomas:

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 peripheral insertion of central venous catheters is within the legal realm of the practice of clinical nurse specialists who are trained to perform the procedure. The Board's opinion in this matter is as follows:

The peripheral insertion of central venous catheters is not within the legal realm of a registered nurse.

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

Sincerely,



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