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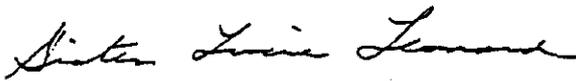
Dear Ms. Reidy:

On July 25, 1986, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an interpretation of the legal realm of nursing practice. The Board's decision is as follows:

It is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to administer intermittent injections of morphine into an epidural catheter post-operatively, provided that correct placement of the catheter has been previously ascertained by a qualified CRNA or a physician, and provided that said nurse has appropriate knowledge and skills to do so, with documentation of same in his/her file.

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

Sincerely,



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