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Dear Ms. Heineman:

On September 11, 1986, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an interpretation of the legal realm of nursing practice, specifically regarding the insertion of a mercury weighted feeding tube by a registered nurse. The opinion of the Board in this matter is:

In reference to agenda item # 2a, it is with the scope of practice of the registered nurse to insert a mercury weighted feeding tube provided that the registered nurse has the appropriate knowledge and skills to do so and that these are maintained and documented in his/her file.

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

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, RN
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