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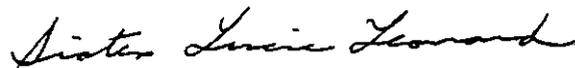
Dear Ms. Sauvinet:

On September 11, 1986, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an interpretation of the Board's rules on the delegation of nursing functions, specifically regarding the registered nurse delegating the "flushing" of a Hickman indwelling catheter with heparin. The Board's opinion in this matter is as follows:

In reference to agenda item 2d, it is permissible for the registered nurse to delegate to the L.P.N. the flushing of the Hickman catheter with heparin in the clinic setting, in accord with established procedures and in accord with the rules on delegation as set forth by the Board of Nursing.

The Board members appreciated the literature which you sent in advance for their review before the meeting.

Sincerely,



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