

January 28, 1987

Tim Murphy, RN~
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Dear Mr. Murphy:~

At its meeting on January 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an official opinion of the Board regarding registered nurses monitoring patients during operative procedures under selected regional anesthetics administered by the operating physician. Following is the decision of the Board in this matter.

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It not within the realm of nursing practice for registered nurses (except C.R.N.A.s) to monitor patients under regional anesthesia administered by the operating physicians.

The Board appreciated the materials which you sent for the members to review prior to the meeting. Your presence at the meeting gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the matter with you before arriving at a decision. The members of the Board always appreciate an opportunity for dialogue with the author of the request.

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

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~
Nursing Practice Consultant~