

January 28, 1987~

Judy McCarty, RN~
Regional Director~
Capitol Home Health~
419 Church Street~
Plaquemine, LA 70764~

Dear Ms. McCarty:~

At its meeting on January 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an official opinion of the Board regarding the delegation of tube feedings to home health aides. The decision of the Board is as follows:

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It is within the realm of practice of a registered nurse to delegate to unlicensed nursing personnel the task of tube feeding of a patient with a permanent gastrostomy tube after adequate instruction and with adequate supervision; however, it is not within the realm of practice of a registered nurse to delegate this task for a patient with a nasogastric tube.

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~