

January 28, 1987~

Ila M. Rogers, RN, MSN~
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Dear Ms. Rogers:~

At its meeting on January 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing began its deliberation on your questions regarding the removal of arterial catheters by registered nurses. As you know, the Board continued its deliberation on part of your request. However, the Board did make a decision regarding the intent of the phrase "in the presence of a physician" in its January, 1986 opinion regarding the removal of an arterial catheter by a registered nurse. The Board's interpretation of the phrase in question is as follows:~

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The phrase "in the presence of a physician" means that the physician is at the patient's bedside.~

The Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you, Patricia Akins and Dr. Anil Chhabra.

I will inform you of the date and approximate time when the continuation of this matter is scheduled. If I can assist you in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,~

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