

March 25, 1987

Barbara G. Stoks, RNC, MN~  
Director of Nursing~  
Stanocola Medical Clinic~  
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Dear Ms. Stoks:~

At its regular meeting on March 19, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion regarding the administration of eye drops by an RN or the delegation by an RN of said task to an LPN when these drops are ordered by an optometrist for the purpose of eye examination. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion.

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An R.N. cannot administer nor can (s)he delegate to an L.P.N. the administration of eye medications ordered by an optometrist (because the optometrist is not a licensed physician or dentist).

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

Sincerely,~

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