

March 25, 1987~

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Dear Ms. Walker:~

At its regular meeting on March 19, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion regarding the delegation of the function of Surgical 1st Assistant to a Certified Scrub Tech with appropriate training. After due deliberation the Board made the following decision.

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The Board of Nursing determined that it is not within the purview of the Board to offer an opinion on the delegation of the function and responsibilities of (surgical) 1st Assistants to certified scrub technicians.

Additionally, the Board took the position that it cannot assess liability. The Board's legal counsel concurred with this position of the Board.

At the same meeting, the Board revised its Guidelines for Registered Nurse Surgical First Assistants. A copy of the revised document is enclosed for your file.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with Sue Finley and Nancy Williams.

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~