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Dear Dr. King and Ms. Johnson:

At its regular meeting on May 21, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding RN members of a Pediatric Transport Team inserting indwelling arterial catheters and indwelling venous femoral and jugular catheters while on pediatric transport or in an extreme emergency. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 2d, on May 21, 1987, it is within the realm of practice for the PICU RN member of the transport team, under the direction of a physician, to insert an indwelling arterial catheter and indwelling femoral/jugular catheter while on pediatric transport or in an extreme emergency, provided said RN has appropriate education and skills and has successfully demonstrated clinical skills and decision making skill and ability while on transport team, with appropriate documentation in his/her records.

The Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter Dr. Terry King and Linda Holyfield before making a decision.

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

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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cc: Linda Holyfield, RN