

May 26, 1987

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Dear Ms. Williams:

At its regular meeting on May 21, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion of the Board regarding a registered nurse circulating for a tissue procurement procedure if a physician's assistant is performing the retrieval from a cadaver without a physician being present.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 2i on May 21, 1987, it is within the realm of the registered nurse to circulate for tissue procurement performed by a physician's assistant without the physician being present, provided the procurement is performed within the protocols provided for by the Anatomical Gift Act.

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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