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Dear Ms. Rosenstrauch:

At its regular meeting on July 2, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request to interpret its rules on delegation. The specific question posed to the Board was: Is it within the realm of practice for the RN to delegate to the LPN the administration of investigational drugs by the inhalation route?

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 2A, it is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to delegate the administration of investigational drugs by the inhalation route.

The members of the Board of Nursing appreciated your presence at the meeting to provide clarification of the situation in question.

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

Sincerely,

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Nursing Practice Consultant

cc: Sister Josephine, RN, Director of Nursing