

July 6, 1987

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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

At its meeting on July 2, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an interpretation of the rules on delegation, specifically whether or not a registered nurse may delegate to a licensed practical nurse the application of a biological topical preparation which has the status of an investigational drug.

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 2B, it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse to delegate the administration of investigational biological topical preparation to a licensed practical nurse under strict research protocol.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the meeting to provide information to clarify the situation under question.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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