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Dear Ms. Granger:

At its regular meeting on September 22, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for a ruling of the Board regarding a registered nurse delegating to the licensed practical nurse the act of accessing by means of a Huber needle, subcutaneously implanted ports. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion.

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In reference to Agenda Item 2 g, it is not within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to delegate to a licensed practical nurse the act of accessing a subcutaneously implanted port by means of a Huber needle.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with Dr. Dorothy Pocklington, RN, Director of Nursing at University Medical Center and with several persons in the audience at the meeting. Additionally, the materials which you sent prior to the meeting were appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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cc: Dr. Dorothy Pocklington, RN