

September 24, 1987

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Dear Ms. Toups:

At its regular meeting on September 22, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion of the Board regarding the registered nurse delegating the task of catheterization to nursing assistants. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion.

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In reference to Agenda Item 2 h, it is within the realm of practice for the registered nurse to delegate catheterization to nursing assistants in non-complex situations and in compliance with the rules of delegation, provided registered nurse supervision is immediately available.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you before acting on your request.

A copy of the administrative rules on the delegation of nursing functions is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant

Enclosure