

March 28, 1988~

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Dear Drs. Butler and Sanders:~

Your request for a reconsideration by the Board of Nursing of its opinion regarding a registered nurse monitoring patients under retrobulbar anesthesia, adopted by the Board at its January 1987 meeting, was presented to the Board on March 25, 1988.

After due deliberation, the Board took the following action:

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In reference to agenda item 10, the January 28, 1987 opinion is reaffirmed:  
that it is not within the realm of nursing practice for registered nurses,  
except CRNAs, to monitor patients under regional anesthesia administered  
by the operating physician.

The members of the Board appreciated your input, as well as that of Dr. Ursula Long, MD, of Mary Jordan, RN, and of Dr. Maria Garcia-Otero, CRNA, prior to making their decision.

Sincerely,~

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~  
Nursing Practice Consultant~

cc: Mary Jordan, RN~  
Judith A. Nicholls~  
Dr. Maria Garcia-Otero, CRNA~  
Dr. Ursula Long, MD~