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Dear Dr. Hardin:~

Your petition that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing determine as acceptable practice for a registered nurse the use of intraosseous needles for gaining rapid vascular access in children was presented to the Board on Thursday, September 22, 1988.

The members of the Board had reviewed the materials you sent prior to the meeting. After hearing your testimony and due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 4d, it is within the realm of practice of registered nurses to administer intraosseous infusions with specific directions from the physician, provided said nurses have appropriate knowledge, skill and experience (Example: critical care courses or Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course), and provided they maintain current documentation of same.

The members of the Board appreciated your input into their decision-making process.

Sincerely,~

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~  
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cc: Boots Talley, R.N.