

September 27, 1988

Kathy Meric, RN, BSN, CPQA
Director, Quality Assurance
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Dear Ms. Meric:

Your request for an official opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse injecting phenol for the purpose of nerve block (when the physician directs and holds the needle in place) was presented to the Board on Thursday, September 22, 1988.

After reviewing the materials which you brought to the meeting and hearing your testimony, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 4c, it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to inject phenol for the purpose of nerve block when the physician directs and holds the needle in place.

The members of the Board appreciated your input and that of Ann Byerly at the meeting.

Sincerely,~

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