

September 27, 1988

Jeannette Berdowski~
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Dear Ms. Berdowski:~

Your request for an official opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse declotting a dialysis A-V shunt using a Fogarty Arterial Embolectomy Catheter was presented to the Board on Thursday, September 22, 1988.

The members of the Board had reviewed the materials you sent and they heard your testimony regarding this matter. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 4b, it is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to declot a dialysis A-V shunt using a Fogarty Arterial Embolectomy Catheter.

The members of the Board appreciated your input and that of Dottie Forly at the meeting.

Sincerely,~

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