

February 1, 1989

Maureen Sintich, RN
Nurse Screener
Breast Cancer Screening Program
Tulane Medical Center Hospital and Clinic
1415 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Ms. Sintich:

Your request for an official opinion of the Board of nursing regarding the legal scope of nursing practice in your Breast Cancer Screening Program was presented to the Board at its scheduled meeting on January 27, 1989.

After due deliberation, including a discussion of the protocols under which you function and an opinion of the Board of Medical Examiners entitled "Mammography Requires Physician Order/Prescription," the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 7b, the nursing practice within a breast screening program which follows the accepted protocol is within the legal scope of nursing practice except in relation to mammographs which must be performed pursuant to direct physician order.

A copy of the above-referenced opinion of the Board of Medical Examiners is enclosed for your file.

The members of the Board appreciated your presence at the meeting to answer their questions.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant

Enclosure