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Dear Ms. Gumina:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse delegating to ancillary (unlicensed) personnel the performance of capillary blood glucose monitoring (Glucometer, Accuchek) was presented to the Board at its February 15, 1995 meeting.

The Nursing Practice Committee studied the issue, and, at its January 9, 1995 meeting, the Committee formulated a recommendation to the Board of Nursing. On February 15, 1995 the Committee presented its recommendation to the Board, and after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 4.5, the Board reaffirms the February, 1993 position on the delegation of bedside capillary blood glucose monitoring to unlicensed personnel which states:
Only routine one-touch glucose monitoring may be performed by unlicensed personnel. Unlicensed personnel may not perform one-touch monitoring when insulin to scale is ordered.

The Nursing Practice Committee will continue to study the literature on this subject. If you articles from the nursing literature which demonstrates the safety of unlicensed personnel performing other methods of glucose monitoring, please share this information with the Committee.

If you have questions about this opinion, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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