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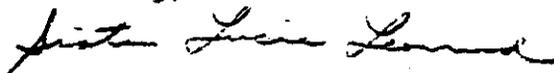
Dear Ms. Gimber:

This is to provide you with a written confirmation of the action of the Board of Nursing on May 6, 1982 relative to your request for an interpretation of the Board's Rules R.N. 3.051 and R.N. 3.02 (1) (1) as these Rules apply to two situations. The Board adopted the following opinions:

1. The "flushing" of tubing with normal saline prior to hanging an I.V. "piggyback" is a nursing task which may be delegated to L.P.N.s because it is in compliance with the Rules of the Board.
2. The administration of I.V. medications via the subclavian site is a nursing task which may be delegated to L.P.N.s because it is in compliance with the Rules of the Board. (see attached)

While formulating these opinions, the Board members were cognizant of the criteria which you have established within your hospital to ascertain the competency of your L.P.N.s who perform delegated I.V. tasks. Your incorporation of the Board's rules into your L.P.N. Job Description was also appreciated by the Board.

Sincerely,



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CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BOARD INTERPRETATION OF R.N. 3.051 AND R.N. 3.02 (1) (L) AS THESE RULES APPLY TO A SELECTED SITUATION.

The August, 1982 issue of The Examiner carried an official interpretation of R.N. 3.051 (Delegation of the Nursing Function of Administration of Intravenous Medications and Fluids) and R.N. 3.02 (1) (L) ("Delegation of Nursing Functions".) After The Examiner was published, three inquiries were received relative to the intent of the following interpretation:

"The administration of I.V. medications via the subclavian site is a nursing task which may be delegated to L.P.N.s because it is in compliance with the Rules of the Board."

It has become evident that this statement is subject to misinterpretation by persons who were not present for the discussion which preceded the Board's action.

The question specifically addressed the subclavian site, and not what medications may be delegated. R.N. 3.051 does not specify site of administration. There was no intent to change the I.V. tasks which may, or may not, be delegated according to R.N. 3.051. The criteria which must be met for any delegation of nursing functions are stated in R.N. 3.02 (1) (L).

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CAVEAT: Interpretations of the nurse practice act and rules of the Board of Nursing are rendered by the Board as provided in the Rules of the Board (R.N. 1.056). These interpretations are relative to specific situations which are stated by the authors of the petitions for the interpretations.

In parallel situations, a specific interpretation would be relevant. It is impossible to publish all of the information upon which the action of the Board is based. However, this information is available in the office of the Board of Nursing. Questions relative to interpretations can be clarified by addressing an inquiry to the office of the Board.