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Dr. Michael A. Teague, M.D. 711 Colonial Drive Baton Rouge, La. 70806

Dear Dr. Teague:

This is to provide you with a written conformation of the action of the Board, taken March 17, 1983, regarding registered nurses administering Ketamine.

The Board adopted two opinions as follows:

The administration of Ketamine Hydrochloride by the registered nurse is reserved to the registered nurse who meets the requirements of L.R.S. 37:930.

The monitoring of the patient having received Ketamine Hydrochloride for the purpose of analgesia and /or sedation is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse.

The members of the Board of Nursing appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you prior to formulating their opinion.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, R.N.

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