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Dear Ms. Benson:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the performance of pap smears by registered nurses was presented to the Board at its meeting on January 25, 1985. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

A registered nurse with proper knowledge and skills may, under established protocols, perform pap smears.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Nancy Gagnon before formulating their opinion.

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, R.N.
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