

January 28, 1987~

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Dear Ms. Granger:~

At it meeting on January 23, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an official opinion regarding a registered nurse performing hyperthermia treatments on patients who have cancer. The Board's decision in this matter is as follows:

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It is within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse, following the prescription of a physician, to perform hyperthermia treatment on oncology patients provided the registered nurse has the appropriate knowledge and and skills and these are documented in said nurse's file.

The Board appreciated the information you sent before the meeting and also your presence at the meeting. It was helpful for the Board to be able to discuss this matter with you before making a decision.

If I can further assist you with nursing practice matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
Nursing Practice Consultant