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Ms. Yvonne B. Songy, R. N., Administrative Associate
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Dear Ms. Songy:

The Board of Nursing held its scheduled meeting on June 25-26, 1981. At that meeting, the Board was requested to render an opinion in accordance with R.S. 37:913 regarding the performance of the following duties by a registered nurse:

1. Removal of sutures.
2. Removal of atrial and ventricular pacing wires.
3. Suturing.
4. Cauterizing.

After due deliberation, the Board of Nursing formulated the following opinion:

Removal of atrial and ventricular pacing wires, suturing and cauterizing are not within the realm of the practice of nursing.

The Board appreciated your presence and contributions to their deliberation.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard
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