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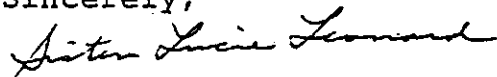
Dear Ms. Haynie:

Your request for an official interpretation of the legal definition of nursing practice, specifically whether or not discontinuing a mediastinal tube is within the realm of nursing practice, was presented to the Board of Nursing at its meeting on December 1, 1983. It is recorded that you were present and that you furnished the Board members with copies of a memorandum dated November 30, 1983, addressed to you, from J. Fitzpatrick, R.N. The Board appreciated your input in this matter.

The official opinion of the Board of Nursing in that removing a mediastinal tube is not within the legal realm of nursing.

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

Sincerely,



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