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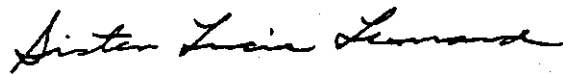
Dear Ms. Dillon:

At its May 18, 1984 meeting, the Board of Nursing acted on your request for an official interpretation of the legal definition of nursing practice, specifically whether or not a registered nurse may remove an umbilical catheter from a baby in a newborn nursery.

The Board determined that it is within the legal scope of the practice of the registered nurse to remove an umbilical catheter from a nursery newborn provided the nurse has the appropriate knowledge, skills and experience and if there is documentation of these.

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

Sincerely,



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