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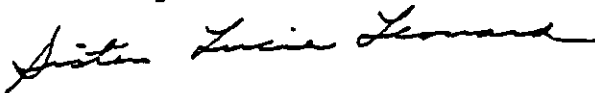
Dear Ms. Skeins:

On November 30, 1984, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your question regarding the initiation and maintenance of arterial lines by registered nurses. The official opinion of the Board is as follows:

The initiation of arterial lines is not within the realm of the practice of the registered nurse. However, the registered nurse with proper knowledge and skills may maintain such lines.

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

Sincerely,



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