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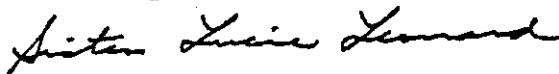
Dear Ms. Westell:

This is to provide you with written confirmation of the response of the Board of Nursing to your question regarding the legality of a registered nurse instilling medications into the port of a ventriculostomy tube. On November 30, 1984, the Board adopted the following opinion:

The instillation of medications into a ventriculostomy tube or shunt is not within the realm of the legal practice of a registered nurse.

The members of the Board appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Roger Kline before formulating its opinion.

Sincerely,



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