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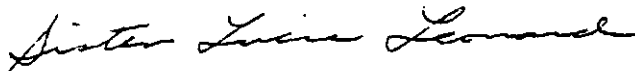
Dear Ms. Weaver:

This is to provide you with a written confirmation of the revised opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding the role of the registered nurse in the gastroenterology setting. On September 27, 1985, the Board adopted the following opinion:

Assisting the physician with the advancement, withdrawing, and rotation of endoscopes is within the legal realm of nursing provided the registered nurse has the appropriate knowledge, preparation and skills to do so, and that this preparation be maintained and documented.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Dr. Bride before finalizing their opinion.

Sincerely,



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