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Dear Ms. Penton:

Your request for two opinions of the Board of Nursing was acted upon by the Board on September 27, 1985. The opinions of the Board are as follows:

1. Verbal or Telephone "No Code" Order:

A registered nurse may accept a verbal or telephone order from a physician for a "No Code" provided there is written evidence that the patient and/or the patient's representative and physician have discussed this and are in agreement to "No Code."

2. Release of Body:

It is not within the realm of nursing for the registered nurse to release a body to the funeral home without pronouncement of death by an M.D.

Sincerely,



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