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Dear Ms. Perroux:

On November 21, 1985, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your questions regarding registered nurses removing arterial sheaths and catheters following selected angiographic procedures. It is recorded that two related communications (from Paul T. Dorsa and Dr. V. Bibb Saye, M.D.) which were received before the meeting were also considered by the Board. The Board's official opinions follows.

1. It is not within the legal realm of the practice of a registered nurse to remove an arterial sheath following angiographic procedures.
2. The removal of an arterial catheter following an angiographic procedure is not in the realm of nursing practice. (*revised 1.24-86*)

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you before formulating their opinions.

Sincerely,



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cc: V. Bibb Saye, M.D.
Paul T. Dorsa

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