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Dear Mr. Debo:

On November 21, 1985, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your question regarding selected procedures proposed for performance by "Certified Neonatal Nurse Clinicians" in your Neonatal I.C.U. The following decisions were reached by the Board in regard to your inquiry of October 3, 1985.

1. The performance of a lumbar puncture and supra-pubic bladder aspiration are not within the realm of the practice of nursing.
2. The following procedures:
 - (1) Chest tube insertion
 - (2) Umbilical Arterial Catheterization
 - (3) Umbilical Venous Catheterization
 - (4) Percutaneous Central Venous Catheter Insertion
 - (5) Peripheral Arterial Line Insertion
 - (6) Peripheral Venous Cutdown

performed in a controlled environment under less than life threatening circumstances are not within the realm of the practice of nursing.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and Kathleen Julian.

Sincerely,



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