

# Louisiana State Board of Nursing

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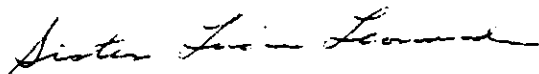
Dear Ms. Whaley:

At its regular meeting on November 13, 1986, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for an opinion regarding registered nurses removing Hickman or Broviac catheters. The Board's opinion is as follows:

The removal of Hickman or Broviac catheters is not within the legal scope of practice for a registered nurse.

If you have questions regarding this opinion, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN  
Nursing Practice Consultant

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