

September 24, 1987

Mary Louise Sejda, RN, MSA, CNA
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Dear Ms. Sejda:

At its regular meeting on September 22, 1987, the Board of Nursing deliberated on your request for clarification of the Board's January opinion regarding the calibration of an Intracranial Pressure Gaeltic Probe to differentiate between "calibrate" and "zeroing" the monitor/transducer. After due deliberation, the Board determined that "zeroing" is the more accurate term for the activity under question. The Board then adopted the following revised opinion.

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It is not within the realm of the practice of a registered nurse to zero an Intracranial Pressure Gaeltic Probe.

The Board members appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with Stephanie Roberts, RN, Joycelyn Jeansonne, RN, and Robert Hopkins, MD, before formulating the above revised opinion.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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cc: Stephanie Roberts, RN, Head Nurse, ICU, St. Frances
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