

March 28, 1988~

Patrice Stark, RN~
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Dear Ms. Stark:~

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing on whether or not a registered nurse may administer intraarterial medications was presented to the Board at the meeting on March 24, 1988.~

After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 3d, it is within the realm of practice of a registered nurse to administer inter-arterial medications if the catheter is already in place, provided the nurse has the necessary knowledge and skills to do so and provided said knowledge and skills be documented in the nurse's file.

The members of the Board appreciated the input from Helen Toups prior to formulating the above referenced opinion.

Sincerely,~

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN~
Nursing Practice Consultant~

cc: Helen Toups~