

September 26, 1988

H. J. Schmitt
4505 Transcontinental Drive
Metairie, LA 70006

Dear Mr. Schmitt:~

Your request for a reconsideration of the opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse inserting, reinserting or removing a suprapubic catheter was presented to the Board on Thursday, September 22, 1988.

The Board members received copies of your letter and of all communications relative to this matter. Additionally, the Board heard the testimony of several persons who were present for the meeting. After due deliberation, and based on new information which was presented, the Board adopted the following revised opinion:

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In reference to agenda item 4a, it is within the realm of practice for the registered nurse to remove or reinsert a suprapubic catheter pursuant to a physician's order when a mature tract is established, but the procedure may not be delegated. The administrative rules on delegation do not allow such delegation.

The members of the Board appreciated your communication and the testimony of your brother, Ronald Schmitt, who represented your father at the meeting.

Sincerely,~

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