

November 21, 1989

Sharon Kennedy Ball, RN
OPTION CARE of Baton Rouge
728 Chevelle
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Dear Ms. Ball:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing to determine if it is within the legal realm of the practice of a registered nurse to perform a peripheral insertion of a silastic catheter, in a patient's home or in a physician's office, for prolonged IV therapy in the home, was presented to the Board on November 16, 1989, at the regular meeting of the Board. The Nursing Practice Committee had studied the question, including all of the materials you sent, and made a recommendation to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

.16In reference to Agenda Item 2, c, the peripheral insertion of silastic IV catheters in a patient's home or in a physician's office is not within the legal realm of the practice of a registered nurse.

The members of the Board appreciated all of the information you provided to facilitate their deliberation.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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