

November 21, 1990

Anne C. Duncan, RN
322 Calhoun Street
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Dear Ms. Duncan:

Your request for an opinion of the Board of Nursing regarding a registered nurse inserting a transpyloric Keofeed feeding tube was presented to the Board at its meeting on November 15, 1990.

The Nursing Practice Committee had reviewed all of the information you sent and had studied the issue. The members of the Committee appreciated your availability for a conference at the meeting to further clarify your situation. At the November 15, 1990 meeting, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. After due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item # 9, it is within the realm of practice for a registered nurse to insert a Keofeed transpyloric feeding tube in infants in a neonatal intensive care unit provided a written protocol is maintained by the employer and the nurse has the necessary knowledge, and skills, and that these be documented in the nurse's file.

The members of the Board appreciated your input into this matter.

Sincerely,

Sister Lucie Leonard, MSN, RN
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