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Sharon Shore  
3 Richview Court  
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Dear Ms. Shore:

I am sorry that my earlier letter failed to clarify your concerns. I respond here to the four questions you raise:

1. The RNAO is the professional association for registered nurses in Ontario, and as such, we do not condone or support unprofessional behaviour of nurses. The mandate to evaluate specific instances of nursing practice is that of the College of Nurses of Ontario, not the RNAO.
2. We do not intend to address practice issues related to the tragic death of your daughter in any future presentations to nurses or nursing students.
3. We also do not intend to address practice issues related to the tragic death of your daughter in public forums, publications, newsletters or media.
4. The answer to 2 and 3 is no.

Ms. Shore, I trust your questions have been answered. We share in your sorrow and do not want to cause unnecessary distress. Let me assure you that the RNAO will continue to strive for excellence in nursing practice, and advocate for healthy public policy.

Yours with warmest regards,

Doris Grinspun, RN, MSN, PhD (cand.)  
Executive Director

cc: Shirlee Sharkey, President, RNAO  
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