

**Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Discipline:** Medical Doctor  
**Subspecialties:** Medicine & Surgery  
**License #:** 0101037795  
**Address:**  
**Phone:**  
**Year Born:**  
**Authority:** Virginia Department of Health Professionals  
**Action Date:** 09/22/2009  
**Misconduct Description:** Violated Sections 54.1-2915 (3) (18) and (16). He failed to appropriately monitor and treat a patient.  
**Actions Taken:** Reprimand.

Please see supporting documents below.

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: [REDACTED]

License No.: 0101-037795

ORDER

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019, and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with [REDACTED] on September 17, 2009, in Richmond, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Valerie Hoffman, D.C., Chair; Stuart Mackler, M.D.; and Stephen Heretick, J.D. [REDACTED] appeared personally and was not represented by counsel. Tracy E. Robinson, Adjudication Specialist, was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions.

The purpose of the informal conference was to receive and act upon evidence that [REDACTED] may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 24, 2009.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter:

1. [REDACTED] was issued license number 0101-037795 by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on February 7, 1985. Said license is currently active and will expire on July 31, 2010, unless renewed or otherwise acted upon.

2. [REDACTED] violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3) and (16) of the Code, in that he failed to appropriately monitor and treat Patient A following surgery to remove a lipoma from her lower abdomen on May 29, 2008. Subsequently, Patient A sought care from her primary care physician on June 5, 2008, at which time a wound infection and low hemoglobin were noted, necessitating a blood transfusion and aggressive wound care.

3. [REDACTED] violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(16) and (18) of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-26.C of the Board of Medicine General Regulations (*effective October 19, 2005*), in that he wrote a progress note in Patient A's medical record on or about June 12, 2008, in which he stated that he examined her incision site and described the wound. [REDACTED] acknowledged to the Committee that he did not examine the wound that day and that the note was in error.

4. [REDACTED] violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(16) and (18) of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-26.C of the Board of Medicine General Regulations (*effective October 19, 2005*), in that he failed to record an interim history and physical findings in Patient A's medical record during her June 6, 2008 emergency department visit for evaluation of her wound breakdown and blood transfusion.

5. The Committee determined that [REDACTED] documentation demonstrated a lack of appreciation for the progressive post-op wound complications experienced by Patient A.

6. [REDACTED] indicated to the Committee that he uses an electronic medical record for which his practice created templates. He said the templates provided general language appropriate to various types of patient encounters, and that the templates also provide for the recording of information specific to each patient encounter.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that [REDACTED] be, and hereby is, issued a REPRIMAND, and it is further ORDERED that his license be, and hereby is, subject to the following TERMS and CONDITIONS:

1. Within six (6) months from entry of this order, [REDACTED] shall complete and submit a certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the Board verifying that he has completed ten (10) hours of Board approved CME in the subject of medical recordkeeping. All CME shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board, and shall be completed through face-to-face, interactive sessions (i.e. no home study, journal, or Internet courses). Any CME hours obtained in compliance with this term shall not be used toward compliance with the Board's continuing education requirements for license renewal

2. Upon completion of the above terms, the Committee authorizes the Executive Director to close this matter or refer it to a Special Conference Committee for determination.

Violation of this Order may constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of [REDACTED] license. In the event [REDACTED] violates any of the terms and conditions of this Order, an administrative proceeding may be convened to determine whether such action is warranted.

Pursuant to Sections 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, [REDACTED] may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 26, 2009, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on October 26, 2009, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD

*William L. Harp*  
for William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 9/22/2009