

Letters of Concern

A Letter of Concern is defined in A.R.S. 32-1501 (12) as a "Non-disciplinary advisory letter that is issued by the board to a person who is regulated under this chapter and that states that while there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action the board believes that the person should modify or eliminate certain practices and that continuation of the activities that led to the information being submitted to the board may result in action against the person's license, certificate or registration." The Board may also Issue a "nondisciplinary order" requiring the licensee to complete a prescribed number of hours of continuing education in an area or areas prescribed by the board to provide the licensee with the necessary understanding of current developments, skills, procedures or treatment.

Name and Designation	License / Certificate Number	Complaint Number	Complaint Detail	Effective Date
Dr. Nicole Barreda	03-733	08-040	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Consent Agreement for 8 hours of non-disciplinary continuing medical education. In May 2008, HC, a 71 year old female with a history of diabetes mellitus type 2, hypertension, hypothyroidism and breast cancer, began seeing Respondent for weight loss. Respondent did not perform a physical examination, instead relied on HC's primary care physician's physical examination. Respondent placed HC on a weight loss program that included restricted calorie intake, drinking 3-4 liters of water a day, and self injections of HCG. HC was hospitalized on July 20th, 2008 with severe symptomatic hyponatremia. Respondent is ordered to complete 8 hours of CME addressing weight loss programs and the elderly diabetic patient.	5/21/09
Dr. Alan Christianson	96-474	08-021	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Letter of Concern issued for: Failure to first establish a PSA baseline, conduct a digital rectal examination or otherwise rule out prostate cancer, prior to prescribing and administering Depo-Testosterone to a patient.	3/12/09
Dr. Alan Christianson	96-474	08-038 and 08-018	Consent Agreement for Non-Disciplinary Continuing Education Order.	7/9/09
Dr. Kyle Cronin	82-342	08-047	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Non-Disciplinary order for CME, 3 hours in Record Keeping and 3 hours in Physician-patient communications.	9/10/09
Dr. Henry Ealy, III	07-1041	08-041	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Letter of Concern for failure to provide patient records in a timely manner. Order of 8 hours of CME in professional communication.	9/15/09
Dr. Eugene Eihausen	02-695	06-031	Consent Agreement for Non-Disciplinary Continuing Education Order. 8 hours in professional ethics and 8 hours on experimental medicine.	9/10/2009

Dr. Gioacchino Franco	04-839	06-032 08-001 09-057	From September 2005 through June 2008, Respondent was employed by Envita Medical Center. Envita is owned and operated by Dino Prato. Dino Prato is not licensed as a naturopathic physician or any other type of health professional in the State of Arizona. While Respondent was employed by Envita, he was aware that Dino Prato used the titles N.M.D, and N.D. and otherwise held himself out as a physician, specifically on television and the internet. While working at Envita, Respondent may have performed Live Blood Cell Analysis without obtaining the certification. Further, Respondent may have used non-FDA approved drugs and treatments Specifically Ukrain, NKT Killer Cell Treatments and Neuro PPT Injections. These treatments are considered experimental. Consent agreement issued by the Board ordering 8 hours of Non-disciplinary CME in professional ethics and 8 hours on experimental treatment.	1/22/2010
Dr. Gioacchino Franco	04-839	10-024	In May of 2010, Resondent was responsible for the intravenous administration of Legend Drugs to patient JS at the Sunridge Medical Center. Respondent should have been aware of the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians. Consent Agreement issued by the Board. Respondent was ordered to obtain 8 hours of non-disciplinary CE in pharmacotherapeutics and/or eithics.	12/22/2010
Dr. Kathy Kamin	92-423	09-050	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Letter of Concern issued: Respondent should; ensure diet consultatns are monitored and don't give medical advice, ensure consent to treat forms are signed before treatment begins, be more accessible to patients and comply with the current standard of medical records keeping. Order for one (1) hour of CME in prescription writing.	11/12/2009
Dr. Cho Long Kim	09-1122	10-002	In July 2009, Respondent was responsible for the IV administration of L-Glutathione to a pateint at the River Source Treatment Center. Respondent should have been aware of the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians. Respondent was ordered to obtain 4 hours of non-disciplinary Continuing Medical Education in Pharmacotherapeutics/ethics.	5/17/2010
Dr. Leslie Marcum	05-875	08-016	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Letter of Concern and non-disciplinary order for 8 hours of additional CME on ethical concerns involving the continuity of pateint care. CME hours shall be added to the required 30 hours. Respondent failed to ensure continuity of pateint care.	10/16/2008

Dr. Brendan McCarthy	08-1042	10-008	Order for non-disciplinary CME 4 hours in pharmacotherapeutics and/or ethics. Effective July 19, 2010 Due within 180 days of effective date.	7/19/2010
Dr. Kenneth McWilliams	06-934	09-049	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Order for non-disciplinary CME issued by the Board. Physician must complete 3 hours of CME in physician-patient communication to be included in the required 30 hours. The hours must be Board approved and completed within 90 days of effective date of order.	9/14/2009
Dr. Yolanda Rodriguez	04-840	07-010	Letter of Concern issued for 1. Failure to confirm diagnosis of heavy metal toxicity/ establish a baseline prior to performing chelation therapy, and 2. Failure to keep adequate medical records.	10/11/2007
Dr. Mark Rudderham	97-495	08-014	Insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action. Letter of Concern Issued : Respondent should have been more careful when dispensing a medication because harm was caused to D.A. due to his error. Although Respondent held a certificate with the AZ. Pharmacy Board, and was not the physician of record for D.A., the AZ. Naturopathic Physicians Board finds it also has concurrent jurisdiction in this matter per; but not limited to A.R.S. 32-1501 (30) (ii) Conduct that the Board determines is gross negligence, repeated negligence or negligence resulting in harm or death to a patient. The Board has concern more care should be taken by Respondent in the future to insure he does not cause harm to another patient while dispensing supplements or medications.	3/13/2008
Dr. Farra Swan	83-348	08-010	Letter of Concern issued by the Board based on the specific circumstances surrounding this case. Dr. Swan may have failed to obtain an adequate medical history and physical on a patient prior to writing him prescriptions.	2/14/2008

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