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Dear Dr. Speckhart:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on Saturday, June 10, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, 4th Floor, Richmond, Virginia. The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2919 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

An informal conference committee ("Committee"), composed of three members of the Board, will review your compliance with the terms and conditions of the indefinite probation imposed upon your license to practice medicine in Virginia as set forth in a Consent Order of the Board entered April 26, 1993, and to review the findings of the Audit Committee which evaluated your practice on July 15, 1994.

Furthermore, you may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9) and (10) of the Code of Virginia, in that: Between on or about August 14, 1992, and April 30, 1993, you provided consultation and treatment to Patient A, who was diagnosed with recurrent nodular sclerosing Hodgkin's disease. On April 29, 1993 and April 30, 1993, you administered chelation therapy to Patient A for treatment of atherosclerosis, without accepted therapeutic purpose and contrary to sound medical judgment. On May 3, 1993, Patient A was admitted to the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, and expired on May 25, 1993, due to renal failure with electrolyte abnormality secondary to his progressive recurrent Hodgkin's disease.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. The following actions may be taken by this Committee:

1. If a majority of the Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your license may be justified, or in the event of a violation of the terms of your indefinite probation, the Committee shall present to the Board in writing its findings, and the Board may proceed with a formal hearing; or

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2. In the event the Committee finds that you have violated the terms of your indefinite probation, the Committee may reprimand or censure you; or

3. The Committee may modify the terms and conditions of the indefinite probation for such time as it may designate and direct that during such period you furnish the Committee or its chairman, at such intervals as the Committee may direct, evidence that you are not practicing your profession in violation of the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 54.1 of the Code, which governs the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia.

Should you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions. Please inform this office whether you intend to appear at the conference at least 10 days prior to the scheduled date above. Also please provide the Board with a telephone number where you may be reached.

Please find enclosed for your reference copies of relevant statutes and the Board's April 26, 1993 Consent Order. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Karen W. Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline.

Sincerely,


Warren W. Koontz, M.D.
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Enclosure:

Virginia Code Sections:
54.1-2919
9-6.14:11

Consent Order dated April 26, 1993.
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