

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**IN RE:       VINCENT J. SPECKHART, M.D.**  
**License No.: 0101-020185**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2919, 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Vincent J. Speckhart M.D., on June 11, 2003, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") were: James Allen, M.D. Chairman; Dianne Reynolds-Cane, M.D. and J. Kirkwood Allen. Dr. Speckhart appeared personally and was represented by legal counsel, Algis K. Augustine, Esquire, and Glen A. Huff, Esquire. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Speckhart may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 5, 2003.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. Vincent Speckhart, M.D., was issued license number 0101-020185 to practice medicine in Virginia on December 8, 1969. Said license will expire on August 31, 2004, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.
2. From on or about April 1996, to December 1998, Dr. Speckhart provided a combination of allopathic and Electro-Acupuncture of Voll ("EAV") services to Patient A.

Dr. Speckhart represented to the Committee that, during that time, it was his understanding that Patient A was receiving care from other health care providers, including an allopathic physician.

3. From on or about April 1996, to or about June 1998, Dr. Speckhart continuously prescribed Estriol, a form of estrogen, to Patient A without performing a preliminary examination or follow-up evaluations, including pelvic exams and pap smears. Dr. Speckhart reported that this medication was previously prescribed for Patient A, and he continued the medication at the patient's request.

4. From August 17, 1998, to August 31, 1998, Dr. Speckhart saw Patient A on three occasions for back pain of greater than four (4) months duration, a complaint for which she had seen other health care providers. Upon advising her on August 31, 1998, to return to her primary care physician for evaluation, Dr. Speckhart learned that she was not under the care of another physician. Dr. Speckhart stated that he assisted the patient in obtaining a referral to a surgeon to evaluate her complaints of progressive pain. Patient A was evaluated on September 2, 1998, by a primary care physician and was subsequently diagnosed with metastatic cancer.

5. Dr. Speckhart stated to the Committee that at no time did he use the data derived from the EAV machine to determine a diagnosis.

6. Dr. Speckhart reported to the Committee that he retired from the active practice of clinical medicine in December 2002. He stated that his future plans are to lecture, do research and report on his research findings in writings and publications.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Committee concludes that, although aspects of the care of Patient A were not optimal, the above Findings of Fact do not establish a violation of the laws or regulations governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth.

ORDER

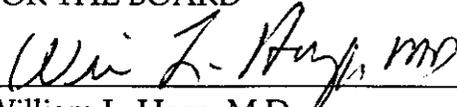
WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Fact it is hereby ORDERED that the matter is dismissed.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-4023 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 54.1-2919 of the Code, Dr. Speckhart may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on July 21, 2003, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, 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 July 21, 2003, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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William L. Harp, M.D.

Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 6/18/03