

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 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Vincent J. Speckhart, M.D., on July 24, 1998, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Paul M. Spector, D.O., Chairman; James F. Allen, M.D.; and J. Kirkwood Allen. Lynne R. Fleming, Assistant Attorney General, was present as counsel to the Committee. The case was prosecuted by Frank L. Pedrotty, Assistant Attorney General. Dr. Speckhart appeared personally and was represented by legal counsel, Algis Augustine, Esquire. The purpose of the informal conference was to review Dr. Speckhart's compliance with terms and conditions of the Board's Consent Order entered April 26, 1993; review the findings of the Audit Committee which evaluated Dr. Speckhart's practice on November 25, 1997; receive and act upon evidence that Dr. Speckhart may have violated certain terms of the Consent Order entered April 26, 1993, and certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine; and receive and act upon Dr. Speckhart's petition for termination of probation, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 2, 1998.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. By Consent Order entered April 26, 1993, Dr. Speckhart's license to practice medicine was placed on indefinite probation with certain terms and conditions which included: (a) prohibition on the use of autogenous vaccines in the treatment of cancer, except as part of an Institutional Review Board study,

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which is previously approved by the Board; (b) restriction in the use of Electro-Acupuncture of Voll (EAV) only to research as a clinical investigator and prohibition on use of EAV in the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions; (c) revision of his informed consent for use of EAV; and (d) participation in an audit which would review his medical practice and determine whether he is improperly relying on the EAV to diagnose and treat medical conditions.

2. On or about August 11, 1995, Dr. Speckhart met with an informal conference committee of the Board to review his compliance with the terms of the April 26, 1993 Consent Order, to review the findings of the audit committee who assessed his practice, and to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine. By letter dated December 5, 1995, the Board notified Dr. Speckhart that the Committee ordered that his license be continued on indefinite probation pursuant to the terms of the April 26, 1993 Consent Order, and that another Medical Practices Audit Committee be appointed to evaluate his practice.

3. Dr. Speckhart is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order entered April 26, 1993.

4. The Committee found insufficient evidence to support a violation of the laws or regulations governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Dr. Speckhart's petition for termination of probation is properly before it and the Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all information relative to the terms and conditions of the Consent Order entered April 26, 1993.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the probationary terms imposed upon the license of Vincent J. Speckhart, M.D., be TERMINATED, and that Dr. Speckhart shall be granted a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Pursuant to Section 9-6.14:14 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 of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Dr. Speckhart may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on August 27, 1998, notify Warren W. Koontz, M.D., Executive Director at 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, in writing that he desires a 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 August 27, 1998, unless a request for a hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD:

for Robert A. Meliker

Warren W. Koontz, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: *July 27, 1998*

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