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Ramesh D. Chaudry, M.D. 13707 West Bay Drive Midlothian, Virginia 23112

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RE:

License No.: 0101-102338

Dear Dr. Chaudry:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on Friday, September 27, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. You must sign in and note your arrival time to confirm your appearance. The conferences will be held in the order recorded as present on the sign-in sheet. Please wait in the reception area and you will be called once the Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") is ready to meet with you.

This informal conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2919, 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"). The Committee, composed of three members of the Board, will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(11) and (13), and Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, 18 VAC 85-20-21 and Part VII of the Board's General Regulations, "Practitioner Profile System," in that:

- 1. You did not provide, upon request, the information required by Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code of Virginia and Part VII, Practitioner Profile System (18 VAC 85-20-280 et seq.) of the Board's General Regulations, within the required deadline.
- 2. You did not provide a change of address to the Board within 30 days of such change as required by the Board's General Regulations.

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, the Committee shall present to the Board in writing its findings, and the Board may proceed with a formal hearing.

- 2. The Committee may notify you in writing that you are fully exonerated of any charge that might affect your right to practice medicine in Virginia.
 - 3. The Committee may reprimand or censure you.
 - 4. The Committee may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 54.1-2401 of the Code.
- 5. The Committee may place you on 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 in violation of the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 54.1 of the Code, which governs the practice of medicine in Virginia.

You have the right to information, which will be relied upon by the Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents, which will be distributed to the members of the Committee, and will be considered by the Committee when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. I also enclose relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia.

Absent good cause shown to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on September 27, 2002. A request to continue this proceeding must state in detail the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made in writing to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12 noon on September 12, 2002. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after September 12, 2002, will not be considered.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by 12 noon on **September 12, 2002**. Further, it is your responsibility to provide the enclosed materials to your attorney.

To facilitate this proceeding, you must submit eight (8) copies of any documents you wish for the Committee to consider to Reneé S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager, Virginia Board of Medicine, 6606 West Broad Street, 4th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, by **September 12, 2002**. You <u>may not</u> submit any additional documents by facsimile. Should you or Senior Adjudication Analyst Kelli Moss wish to submit any documents for the Committee's consideration <u>after</u> **September 12, 2002**, such documents shall be considered <u>only</u> upon a ruling by the Chair of the informal conference committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

The Board hereby offers to enter into the enclosed Consent Order with you in lieu of proceeding to the informal conference. Please review this document and should you consent to its terms, have it signed before a notary public. In order for it to become effective, you must return this original Consent Order, bearing your witnessed signature, to the Board office by 12 noon on or before September 19, 2002. You will receive a certified copy shortly thereafter. Should the Board not receive this Consent Order from you by 12:00 Noon on September 19, 2002, the Board will proceed with the informal conference as described herein.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. Should you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Kelli Moss, Senior Adjudication Analyst, at (804) 662-7593.

Sincerely,

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

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Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections:
54.1-2910.1
54.1-2914
54.1-2915
54.1-2919
2.2-4019
2.2-4021
General Regulations
18 VAC 85-20-21
Part VII, "Practitioner Profile System"
Informal Conference Package
Consent Order

cc: Harry C. Beaver, M.D., President, Virginia Board of Medicine
Robert A. Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions
Kathleen Nosbisch, Deputy Executive Director, Practitioner Information
Kelli Moss, Senior Adjudication Analyst
Reneé S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Medicine (86643)

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:

RAMESH CHAUDRY, M.D.

License No.: 0101-102338

CONSENT ORDER

By letter dated August 27, 2002, the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") noticed Dr.

Chaudry for an informal conference to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain

laws governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. An informal

conference was convened on September 27, 2002, and an Order was entered memorializing

certain findings of fact and disciplinary action taken. Dr. Chaudry timely noticed an appeal and

the Order was vacated.

In lieu of proceeding to a formal administrative proceeding in this matter, the Board and

Dr. Chaudry, as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent

Order affecting the license of Dr. Chaudry to practice medicine in Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board adopts the following findings in this matter:

1. Dr. Chaudry was issued license number 0101-102338 by the Board to practice

medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 7, 1999. Said license will expire on January

31, 2004, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.

2. Dr. Chaudry did not provide, within the required timeframe and in response to four

(4) letters from the Board between March and September 2001, the information required by

Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code and Part VII, Practitioner Profile System (18 VAC 85-20-280 et

seq.) of the Board's General Regulations. The four letters sent from the Board to Dr. Chaudry at

his official address of record did not include the apartment number in the address line.

- 3. Dr. Chaudry did not furnish the Board with his change of address within 30 days of such change.
- 4. Dr. Chaudry provided the information required by Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-280 of the Board's General Regulations on or about June 29, 2002.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on Findings of Fact 2 and 3, the Board concludes that Dr. Chaudry is in violation of Sections 54.1-2910.1 and 54.1-2915.A(3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(11) and (13) of the Code of Virginia, and Part VII, Practitioner Profile System (18 VAC 85-20-280 et seq.), and 18 VAC 85-20-21 of the Board's General Regulations.

CONSENT

- I, Ramesh Chaudry, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:
- 1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
- 2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000 A et seq. of the Code of Virginia;
 - 3. I have the following rights, among others:
 - a. the right to a formal fact-finding hearing before the Board;
 - b. the right to representation by counsel; and
 - c. the right to cross-examine witnesses against me.
 - 4. I waive all rights to a formal hearing;
 - 5. I admit the truth of the above Findings of Fact; and

6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the licensee, it is hereby ORDERED that Dr. Chaudry be issued a CENSURE.

Pursuant to Section 9-6.14:14 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent 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.

FOR THE BOARD:

William L. Harp, M.D.

Executive Director Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 3/7/03

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Ramesh Chaudry, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA COUNTY/CITY OF Chester field, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, at large, this day of Julius 2003, by Ramesh Chaudry, M.D.

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Notary Public

My commission expires: 12-31-05