

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

**IN RE: THOMAS H. GRESINGER, M.D.
License No.: 0101-018451**

ORDER

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Thomas H. Gresinger, M.D., on April 10, 2007, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Sandra Anderson Bell, M.D., Chair; John H. Armstrong, M.D.; and Gopinath Jadhav, M.D. Dr. Gresinger appeared personally and was not represented by legal counsel. Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Gresinger 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 March 7, 2007.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Thomas H. Gresinger, M.D., was issued license number 0101-018451 to practice medicine in Virginia on June 15, 1967. Said license is currently active and will expire on July 31, 2008, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.

2. On March 25, 2004, Patient A presented to Falls Church Healthcare Center, Falls Church, Virginia, for termination of her pregnancy. After obtaining an appropriate medical history and diagnostic testing, Dr. Gresinger conducted a sonogram, which revealed what appeared to be a cystic mass of the right adnexa and the absence of a fetal pole and signet ring.

3. Dr. Gresinger stated to the Committee that, based on the results of the sonogram, the cystic mass observed in Patient A was either (a) an intrauterine pregnancy with a corpus luteum cyst, which is common in the first trimester; (b) an ectopic pregnancy; or (c) an early spontaneous abortion. Dr. Gresinger further stated to the Committee that he advised Patient A of the clinical options available to her, and that she elected to continue with the medical abortion.

4. On March 27, 2004, Patient A suffered a ruptured ectopic pregnancy and was admitted to Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, Virginia for care and treatment. Hospital admission records reflect that Dr. Gresinger had warned Patient A about the possible risk of a ruptured ectopic pregnancy.

5. The Committee determined that Dr. Gresinger appropriately assessed and treated Patient A, including providing appropriate follow-up instructions for the medical abortion.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

This matter is properly before the Committee.

ORDER

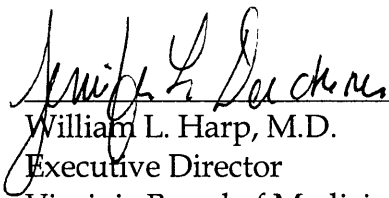
WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law it is ORDERED that this matter be, and hereby is, DISMISSED.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 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 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Dr. Gresinger may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 16, 2007, 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 May 16, 2007; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD

for 

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 4/12/2007