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RE: License No.: 0101-025481

Dear Dr. Cannon:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 W. Broad Street, 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 imposed upon your license to practice medicine in Virginia, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered January 26, 1998. Specifically, you have violated Term No. 1 of said Order requiring that you successfully pass the Special Purpose Examination ("SPEX") offered by the Federation of State Medical Boards, in that you failed the SPEX examination on July 30, 1998.

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. In the event the Committee finds that you have violated the terms of the Order of the Board entered January 26, 1998, the Committee may reprimand or censure you, or;
3. The Committee may modify the previous Board Order to include placing 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 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.

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 governs proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia.


A request to continue this proceeding must be made in writing and directed to me at the address listed on this letter. Such request must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 1999, and must state in detail the reason for the request. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after March 16, 1999, 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 March 16, 1999. Further, it is your responsibility to provide the enclosed materials to your attorney.

Further, to facilitate this proceeding, the Committee requests that you provide to Patricia L. Larimer, Senior Legal Assistant, Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, 4th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, eight (8) copies of any documents you intend to submit for its consideration by April 14, 1999.

I enclose for your reference copies of the relevant statutes and the Board's January 26, 1998, Order. Please advise the Board 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 Patricia L. Larimer, Senior Legal Assistant, at (804) 662-7444.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections:

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9-6.14:11

Order dated January 26, 1998

Informal Conference Package

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