

June 23, 2022

Andrew Jordan Ross, M.D.

Re: License Number: DR-38983
Case Number: 2021-5282-B

Dear Dr. Ross,

The Colorado Medical Board has concluded its inquiry into the aforementioned matter. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your professional license. However, the Panel did determine disciplinary action in the form of this letter of admonition is warranted.

As you know, you provided gynecological care to Patient A. On February 22, 2019, you saw Patient A for her annual gynecology exam, and her intrauterine device ("IUD") was due for removal in July 2019. On May 17, 2019, Patient A called complaining of severe cramping and bleeding which she had not had previously experienced with the IUD. You conveyed to Patient A that the hormones were likely wearing off but it would still be effective for birth control. On May 24, 2019, Patient A called again, frustrated that the bleeding continued, and you prescribed oral contraceptives and recommended ibuprofen. On May 28, 2019, Patient A called again to express concerns that she was suffering from a serious condition, and your employee stated that the oral contraceptives were likely to resolve the bleeding. At no time did you suggest that Patient A come into the office for her bleeding complaints to be assessed. On June 7, 2019, Patient A presented to a local urgent care facility for continued bleeding, where it was discovered she was pregnant, and later treatment confirmed that the fertilized embryo and the IUD were located in the uterus.

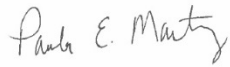
After consideration of the information in this case, the Panel finds that you committed unprofessional conduct, in violation of section 12-240-121(1)(j), of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, Patient A had asymptomatic long term IUD use but suddenly developed abnormal heavy bleeding and cramping, and rather than examine her, evaluate the symptoms, and perform a pregnancy test, you failed to perform an exam and prescribed oral contraceptives.

By this letter, the Board takes the formal disciplinary action of admonishing you for the conduct specified above and warns you that repetition of such practice may lead to imposition of more severe disciplinary action. This letter is an open public record and a reportable action to individuals or entities requesting disciplinary information. The Board strongly encourages you to review and understand the Medical Practice Act requirements and obligations for the practice of medicine in Colorado.

A Letter of Admonition, when accepted, becomes a permanent, public portion of your record. It is not, however, a restriction on your practice as a professional physician. Pursuant to agreement with the Board, you have agreed to waive the right provided by section 12-20-405(4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes to contest this Letter of Admonition.

If you have further questions or concerns, please visit our website at <https://www.colorado.gov/dora/dpo> or you can contact our office at dora_medicalboard@state.co.us or by calling (303) 894-7800.

With Delegated Authority
From Inquiry Panel B,



Paula E. Martinez
Program Director
Colorado Medical Board

cc: Michelle Prud'Homme, Esq.

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