

4 February 2017

File # 2017

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine
Patient Care Assessment Unit 200
Harvard Mill Square, Suite 330
Wakefield, MA 01880
800.377.0550

Re: Written grievance for Dr. Cari Brown, MD (Mount Auburn Hospital and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates)

Date of violation: [REDACTED] 2016
Provider Name: **Sharon Mullen, Mount Auburn Hospital**
Provider ID Number: **1407865439**
Name of Staff: **Cari Brown, MD:**
www.mountauburnhospital.org/find-a-provider/profile/cari-brown/

Description:

Cari Brown improperly preformed a [REDACTED] on our newborn baby at Mount Auburn Hospital on 6 May 2016. He was rushed by ambulance to Boston Children's Hospital for reconstructive surgery. The urological surgeon stated that standard procedures were not followed during the [REDACTED]. Brown is on record stating that there was no malfunction of tools, but that she did not follow procedure, which resulted in the emergency surgery.

Brown treated our family terribly before and after her treacherous actions on our newborn. We are haunted every day by her irresponsible actions. We are filing a lawsuit that may help alleviate the future pain and suffering our family will have to endure.

Please share this information widely so that other families can be protected. I was very alarmed to learn that two of my coworkers at Tufts University were seeking prenatal care at Mount Auburn and were seen by Brown on more than one occasion. Obviously, Mount Auburn has done nothing to discipline or stop Brown from practicing on other patients.

Please see attached narrative, which was documented for the lawsuit.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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April 4, 2017



RE: Cari E. Brown, M.D.
Docket Number: 17-106

Dear Ms. Rowe:

The Board of Registration in Medicine has received your complaint regarding the above named physician. The physician has been asked to respond in writing to your complaint.

If you wish to bring additional information about your complaint to the attention of the Board, please provide it to me in writing at the address above. Any future correspondence regarding your complaint should include the name of the physician and the docket number as it appears in this letter.

Once our review of your complaint has been completed, you will receive a letter informing you of the outcome.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Board.

Very truly yours,


Paula Hannon
Consumer Protection Coordinator

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October 5, 2017



RE: Cari E. Brown, M.D.
Docket Number: 17-106

Dear Ms. 

Thank you for the information that you provided to the Board of Registration in Medicine. A copy of your complaint, referenced above, was sent to the physician, who was required to respond in writing. Enclosed please find a copy of the physician's response.

After considering this matter on September 28, 2017, the Board's Complaint Committee did not recommend disciplinary action and closed the complaint. However, your complaint and the physician's response will be placed in the physician's file at the Board.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the Board's attention.

Very truly yours,

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Cari E. Brown, M.D.

Re: Docket Number: 17-106

Dear Dr. Brown:

The Board of Registration in Medicine has received a complaint regarding your conduct in the practice of medicine, a copy of which is enclosed. Please provide a written response to the issues raised in the enclosed material. As part of your response, you may include any materials you feel are relevant in connection with the investigation of this matter. Pursuant to Board regulations and statutes, the person filing the enclosed complaint may have access to your response and any attachments.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides that otherwise protected health information may be disclosed to a health oversight agency for activities that include disciplinary actions. See 45 CFR section 164.512 (d). The Board clearly meets the definition of a health oversight agency. See 45 CFR section 164.501.

You are welcome to have an attorney represent you in this matter. Please note that if an attorney does represent you, either you or your attorney may write your response, but you must sign or co-sign it as the licensee. Your response must be sent to me within thirty days of this letter.

Upon receipt, your response will be reviewed to determine the course of action. You will be notified of this decision. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

Paula Hannon
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Enclosure

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Dear Ms. Hannon:

RE: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
VS: Carri Brown, M.D.
Docket # 17-106
Our File: CRICO1150

Kindly allow this letter to serve as my notice of appearance on behalf of Carri Brown M.D. A copy of Dr. Brown's response to the complaint is enclosed.

If you need any additional information from Dr. Brown, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


MATTHEW R. CONNORS

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May 2, 2017

Paula Hannon
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RE: Docket Number: 17-106

Dear Ms. Hannon:

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the complaint that has been filed by [REDACTED].
 [REDACTED] A copy of my note from the procedure is attached. My response follows.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are understandably upset by the unfortunate complication that occurred during [REDACTED]'s [REDACTED]. This complaint is the latest in a series of complaints that they have filed against me and they have indicated that they are also planning to file a lawsuit against me. It appears that their anger and planned lawsuit has caused them to include in their complaint very odd and inflammatory allegations suggesting that I am depressed or have some psychological problem. I would invite the Board to address these allegations, if it feels the need to do so, with any physician who has practiced with me or with the other physicians that are identified in the complaint.

With respect to the treatment at issue, I was in the nurses' station on the Stanton postpartum floor and was asked by the patient's nurse to perform the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 2016. The obstetrician, Dr. [REDACTED] was not available at that time to perform the circumcision. I entered the room and Ms. [REDACTED] was on the phone. I waited until Ms. [REDACTED] could talk and I introduced myself. I explained that I was an obstetrician for another group but was available to perform their baby's [REDACTED] if they wanted me to. I then verbally reviewed the

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preprinted informed consent form with the parents and offered them the opportunity to ask me any questions. The parents asked if they could watch the [REDACTED] and I advised that my practice was not to allow parents to observe [REDACTED]. They then discussed this and decided that they wanted to go forward with the [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] signed the consent form. I did explain the risks and potential complications.

At the time, I believed that I exercised my judgment appropriately and used the surgical devices, including the [REDACTED] appropriately. I did not ask for guidance in the use of the [REDACTED] prior to starting the procedure. I was trained using the [REDACTED], and I use it for all [REDACTED] I perform. I would estimate I have performed approximately 80 to 100 [REDACTED] in my career.

In retrospect, only with knowledge of the outcome, it appears that a larger [REDACTED] and/or less [REDACTED]. During the procedure, I did adjust the [REDACTED] to achieve what I believed at the time to be the proper position for the [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] may have resulted in an improved outcome. Unfortunately, in an effort to [REDACTED] for the proper cosmetic effect, too much [REDACTED] removed from [REDACTED] even though it appeared to be appropriate during the procedure.

I explained the complication that occurred to the parents and explained that we were recommending transfer of the baby to Children's Hospital. The parents initially wanted a pediatric urologist to come to Mount Auburn Hospital to care for the baby but I explained to them that this was not possible. Dr. [REDACTED] a pediatrician who had been caring for the infant, as well as Dr. [REDACTED] the chair of the department of OB/GYN, and Dr. [REDACTED] the chair of pediatrics, both of whom I had asked for input as to management after recognition of this complication, were part of this conversation and participated in the discussion regarding our recommendation that the baby be transferred.

Unfortunately, there is no way to ensure that complications will not occur in surgical procedures. [REDACTED] have known complications. [REDACTED]

Documented early complications such as [REDACTED]

Late complications include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These complications can unfortunately occur irrespective of the type of [REDACTED] technique that is utilized.

I am very sorry that this complication occurred and I did my best to reach out to the parents to answer their questions and address their complaints and concerns. Prior to her leaving Mount Auburn Hospital and traveling to Children's Hospital, I provided Ms. [REDACTED] with my

personal cell phone number, and advised her that she could call with any questions, or that she could call simply to discuss these events if she would like. In the week after the procedure I called Ms. [REDACTED] and left a message. I told Ms. [REDACTED] that I wanted to know how she and the baby were doing and told her that I would be happy to talk with them if they desired. I did not receive a call back.

If you have any further questions, or need any additional information from me, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CB' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cari Brown, M.D.

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RE: Docket Number: 17-106

Dear Dr. Brown:

The Complaint Committee of the Board of Registration in Medicine met on September 28, 2017, and considered the above-referenced matter. We have decided not to recommend disciplinary action and closed the complaint.

However, information concerning this matter will be kept on file at the Board. We reserve the right to reopen the complaint should you commit any violation of Board statutes or regulations in the future.

Sincerely,

George M. Abraham, M.D.
Complaint Committee Chair

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