

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD: Medicine  
CASE NUMBER: 0068405  
COMPLAINT MADE BY: Department of Professional  
Regulation Drug Enforcement  
Program  
DATE COMPLAINT MADE: March 4, 1986  
COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST: Mario Mendizabal, M.D.  
582 South East 7th Avenue  
Crystal River, Florida 32629  
REVIEWED BY: Leslie Brookmeyer/JA  
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: (PL-06)

CLOSING ORDER

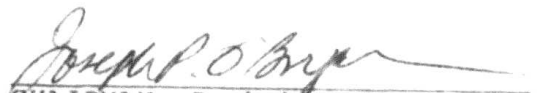
THE COMPLAINT: The Complainant alleges the Subject prescribed medication excessively and/or inappropriately, in that he prescribed analgesic drugs in large quantities to a possibly addicted patient.

THE FACTS: The investigation substantiated the allegation with clear and convincing evidence. Subject admits the patient may have possibly been addicted to analgesics and that he may have given in to patient pressures for the drug. The Department expert is of the opinion that a referral to a drug treatment/addiction program would have been advisable for this patient and that it appears that this was not the Subject's pattern of practice.

THE LAW: there is sufficient evidence to support a finding that a violation of chapter 458 (1)(q), Florida Statutes or rules promulgated thereunder, has occurred. However, under the circumstances, the Subject will be issued a letter of guidance.

It is therefore, ORDERED that this case should be, and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

DONE and ORDERED this 25th day of February,  
1987.

  
CHAIRMAN, Probable Cause Panel  
Board of Medicine

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