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December 29, 2004

Prabha Bakare Pandit, M.D.
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CERTIFIED MAIL
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RE: License No.: 0101-059307

Dear Dr. Pandit:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia. The conferences will be held in the order recorded as present on the sign-in sheet. Please wait in the reception area and you will be called once the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") is ready to meet with you.

This informal conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"). The Committee will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Section 54.1-2915(3) [formerly 54.1-2915.A(3)], as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(13), and Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code, and Part VII of the Board's General Regulations, "Practitioner Profile System" (18 VAC 85-20-280 et seq.), in that you failed to provide, in a timely manner, the information required by Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code and Part VII of the Board's General Regulations, "Practitioner Profile System" (18 VAC 85-20-280 et seq.).

After consideration of all information, the Committee may:

1. Exonerate you;
2. Place you on probation with such terms it deems appropriate;
3. Reprimand you; and
4. Impose a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Committee may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding when it has failed to dispose of a case by consent pursuant to Section 2.2-4020 of the Code.

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Board of Nursing Home Administrators - Board of Optometry - Board of Pharmacy - Board of Counseling
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Board of Health Professions

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 that will be distributed to the Committee for its consideration 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.

To facilitate this proceeding, you must submit eight (8) copies of any documents you wish for the Committee to consider to Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Virginia Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712, by January 17, 2005. You may not submit any additional documents by facsimile or e-mail. Should you or Adjudication Specialist Grant E. Kronenberg wish to submit any documents for the Committee's consideration after January 17, 2005, such documents shall be considered only upon a ruling by the Chair of the informal conference committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

An attorney may represent you at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, because absent good cause to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on February 1, 2005. A request to continue this proceeding must state in detail the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made in writing to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12:00 Noon on January 11, 2005. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after January 11, 2005, will not be considered.


Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice can be found on the internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* or statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

Please advise the Board, in writing, 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.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Grant E. Kronenberg, Adjudication Specialist, at (804) 662-7416.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosures:

Informal Conference Package
Map

cc: Thomas B. Leecost, D.P.M., President, Virginia Board of Medicine
Robert A. Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions
Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Medicine
Grant E. Kronenberg, Adjudication Specialist [95196]
Kathleen R. Nosbisch, Deputy Executive Director, Practitioner Information

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: PRABHA BAKARE PANDIT, M.D.
License No.: 0101-059307

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 Prabha Bakare Pandit, M.D., on February 1, 2005, in Richmond, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Alvin Edwards, M.Div., Ph.D., Chairman; J. Thomas Hulvey, M.D.; and Gopinath Jadhav, M.D. Dr. Pandit did not appear personally and was not represented by legal counsel at the informal conference. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Pandit 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 December 29, 2004.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. Prabha Bakare Pandit, M.D., was issued license number 0101-059307 to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 26, 1999. Said license will expire on October 31, 2006, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.
2. Dr. Pandit did not appear in person or by counsel before the Committee in accordance with the notice dated December 29, 2004. The Chair determined that proper notice had been made; therefore the informal conference convened in his absence.

3. Dr. Pandit violated Section 54.1-2915 (3) [*formerly 54.1-2915.A (3)*], as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A (13), and Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code, and Part VII of the Board's General Regulations, "Practitioner Profile System" (18 VAC 85-20-280 et seq.), in that Dr. Pandit failed to provide, in a timely manner, the information required by Section 54.1-2910.1 of the Code and Part VII of the Board's General Regulations, "Practitioner Profile System" (18 VAC 85-20-280 et seq.).

4. Letters were sent to Dr. Pandit by first class mail on March 26, 2001, April 20, 2001 and June 6, 2001, regarding the requirement to submit information regarding his practitioner profile. These letters were not returned to the Board.

5. A letter was sent to Dr. Pandit on September 6, 2001, by certified mail, notifying Dr. Pandit that the required information had not been submitted. Further, this letter advised it would be the last letter from the Board, and that failure to comply would cause the matter to be referred for disciplinary action. The Board received a receipt for certified mail dated September 7, 2001, from the United States Postal Service. On September 13, 2001, the Board received a signed return receipt for certified mail with an illegible signature.

6. A paper questionnaire was sent to Dr. Pandit on November 13, 2001. The Board has no record of receiving the completed questionnaire back from Dr. Pandit.

7. Letters were also sent to Dr. Pandit on November 19, 2002 and January 8, 2003, regarding the requirement to file certain information as required by enactment of Senate Bill 59 during the 2002 session of the Virginia General Assembly. These letters were not returned to the Board.

8. On February 1, 2003, Dr. Pandit provided the required information.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that a MONETARY PENALTY of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) is imposed upon Prabha Bakare Pandit, M.D. This monetary penalty shall be paid within sixty (60) days of entry of this Order.

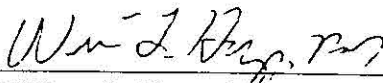
Violation of this Order may constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of Dr. Pandit's license. In the event that Dr. Pandit violates this Order, an administrative proceeding may be convened to determine whether his license shall be revoked.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Dr. Pandit may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on March 15, 2005, 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2(F) 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.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on March 15, 2005; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED: 2/9/05