



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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August 26, 1992

Mariano M. Piedra, M.D.  
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Richmond, Virginia 23220

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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Dear Dr. Piedra:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on Saturday, October 3, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 1601 Rolling Hills Drive, 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 inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(3) as further defined in Section 54.1-2914.A(9), (10) and (13) of the Code, in that:

1. On August 30, 1990 and September 13, 1990, during psychotherapy sessions with Patient A, you made inappropriate personal comments to the patient, as well as pursuing inappropriate questioning regarding this patient's sexual history.

Furthermore, the Board will inquire into the following allegations from a previous complaint that was closed due to the lack of evidence.

2. On at least 3 occasions between July 7, 1986 and March 2, 1987, during psychotherapy sessions, you performed a physical examination on Patient B which consisted of a blood pressure check, and an extended breast examination. In addition on at least 1 occasion, you partially disrobed the patient under the pretense of examining her thigh area. Said examinations were not medically indicated and contrary to sound medical judgment. Furthermore, you failed to document in your records the physical examination and findings on this patient.

In order to protect the privacy of your patients, they have been referred to by letter only. Please see Attachment I of this notice for the identity of the individuals referenced above. You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. 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. The Committee may notify you in writing that you are fully exonerated of any charge that might affect your right to practice in Virginia;
3. The Committee may reprimand or censure you; or
4. The Committee may place 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 in violation of the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 54.1 of the Code, which governs the practice of medicine in Virginia.

Should you fail to appear at the informal conference the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions. Please inform this office whether you intend to appear at the conference at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date above. Also please provide the Board with a telephone number where you may be reached.

Enclosed you will find copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and the other healing arts in Virginia.

If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact Karen W. Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline.

Sincerely,



Hilary H. Connor, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

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cc: Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director, Department of Health Professions  
Charles F. Lovell, M.D., President  
Carol R. Russek, Assistant Attorney General  
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Informal Conference Committee  
Division of Investigations (91-00692)  
Wayne J. Farrar, Director of Public Information  
Gloria King, Probation Analyst

Enclosure:

Virginia Code Sections:

54.1-2914

54.1-2915

54.1-2919

9-6.14:11

Attachment I

Map



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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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RE: License No.: 0101-036168

Dear Dr. Piedra:

This letter is official notification of the decision of the informal conference committee ("Committee") which met with you on Saturday, October 3, 1992, in Richmond, Virginia, to inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine as set forth in a notice of the Board dated August 26, 1992.

The Committee, after considering the testimony and evidence presented, found that there was insufficient evidence to support the allegations contained in the Board's notice and, therefore, voted to dismiss the matter.

Should you have any questions regarding the Committee's decision, please contact Karen W. Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline at (804) 662-9929.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hilary H. Connor".

Hilary H. Connor, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

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