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January 16, 2003

Case No. 5102020950

Leonard R. Zemel, M.D.
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Denver, Colorado 80209

Dear Dr. Zemel:

Inquiry Panel B of the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners has reviewed the status of its inquiry regarding your role in the care and treatment of patient C.H. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

Board records reflect that you were C.H.'s endocrinologist from July 2000 through September 2001. The patient was hospitalized with a severe case of rhabdomyolysis, which he believed was caused by the concurrent use of Simvastatin, Gemfibrozil and Cyclosporin that you prescribed.

The Panel found your care and treatment of patient C.H. fell below the generally accepted standards of medical practice and constitutes unprofessional conduct as set forth in section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Your medical notes are inconsistent, contain minimal information overall, and show little indication of your interaction with the patient. You did not adequately document that appropriate consideration of the risks related to the concomitant use of these drugs occurred or the dosages of medications prescribed. The patient was not adequately informed about these risks or instructed on how to recognize symptoms indicative of myositis. Also, you did not perform appropriate laboratory monitoring for myositis. The Panel also found that you did not adequately and rationally address how to treat the patient's hypertension or otherwise modify the patient's cardiovascular risk factors.

By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

Letter to Leonard R. Zemel, M.D.

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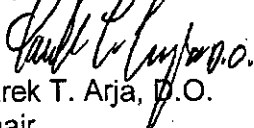
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You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed by judicial procedure. To do so, you must submit a written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter. In your request, you must clearly ask that formal disciplinary proceedings be initiated against you to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon which this letter of admonition is based. If such request is timely made, this letter of admonition will be deemed vacated, and the matter will be processed by means of a formal complaint and hearing. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act governing the discipline of licensed physicians.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
INQUIRY PANEL B


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