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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

March 12, 2009

Case No. 2009-001061-A

Sumant Rawat, M.D.

Dear Dr. Rawat:

Inquiry Panel A ("Panel") of the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners has concluded its inquiry regarding your role in the care and treatment of patient C.J. 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.

As you may recall, 83-year-old patient C.J. arrived by ambulance September 4, 2008, and was admitted to the intensive care unit, where he continued to have seizures. You were aware C.J.'s condition was a neurologic emergency. As neurologist on call you planned to interpret C.J.'s EEG, which was scheduled for September 5, 2008. A nurse practitioner whom you recently hired was also on call September 5 through 7, 2008. After leaving the hospital September 4, 2008, you turned your pager off. Attempts to contact you regarding C.J. were unsuccessful. On September 6, 2008 you returned to the hospital, interpreted C.J.'s EEG, and consulted with C.J.'s family. The patient expired a short time later.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient C.J. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a neurologist, constituting a violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, you failed to promptly clinically evaluate and treat C.J. when his condition required emergent neurologic consultation. Moreover, despite being on call, you turned your pager off and thus became unreachable. In addition, you failed to insure that the other member of your team was able to give a neurologic opinion and guide treatment of C.J., who remained in emergency status for an extended period without the benefit of either neurologic opinion or guidance.

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.

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You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed in an administrative proceeding. 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.

Sincerely,

FOR THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
INQUIRY PANEL A

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jandel T. Allen-Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

Jandel T. Allen-Davis, M.D.
Chair

JTAD/mb

cc: David J. Nowak, Esq.