

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

**IN RE: COLLEEN ANN BLANCHFIELD, M.D.
License No.: 0101-048338**

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 Colleen Ann Blanchfield, M.D., on September 19, 2006, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Jane E. Piness, M.D., Chairman; Clara L. Adams-Ender, R.N., M.S.N., BG USA Ret; and John H. Armstrong, M.D. Dr. Blanchfield appeared and was represented by legal counsel, Michael L. Goodman. Virginia A. Scher, Adjudication Specialist, was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Blanchfield 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 July 21, 2006.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1. Colleen Ann Blanchfield, M.D., was issued license number 0101-048338 by the Board of Medicine on July 31, 1992. Said license will expire on March 31, 2008, unless renewed or acted upon.

2. Dr. Blanchfield violated Section 54.1-2915.A(16) [formerly 54.1-2914.A(11)] of the Code in her treatment of Patient A, in that:

a. On or about January 9, 2002, Dr. Blanchfield undertook the pain management of Patient A, a 37-year-old male who reported suffering chronic pain secondary to pancreatitis. Dr. Blanchfield's treatment of Patient A included the prescribing of OxyContin (Schedule II) and later, Dilaudid (Schedule II). Prior to prescribing narcotic medications to Patient A, Dr. Blanchfield failed to perform an adequate physical examination, failed to obtain an adequate substance abuse history, and failed to order a pre-treatment urine drug screen.

b. From approximately January 2002 to February 2003, during the course of treatment of Patient A's pain with narcotic medications, Dr. Blanchfield failed to document her rationale for changing Patient A's medication from oxycodone to Oxycontin on January 16, 2002; performed only limited physical examinations; and failed to monitor Patient A's compliance with medication orders through the use of random urine screens, medication counts, or other appropriate means.

3. Dr. Blanchfield presented new forms and contracts she now uses in her practice, to include: a neurology consultation form that includes a detailed history and physical examination component, a controlled substance agreement and informed consent form, and a treatment plan that is reviewed on a regular basis.

4. Since October 2003, Dr. Blanchfield has obtained approximately 100 hours of CME in the subjects of pain management and pharmacology.

5. Dr. Blanchfield has instituted weekly treatment planning meetings that include all staff in order to adequately address patient treatment and management.

6. Dr. Blanchfield stated she now obtains pharmacy logs for all pain management patients and communicates closely with pharmacy personnel.

7. Dr. Blanchfield stated she more readily refers patients to other physicians for additional testing and diagnostics and for follow-up coordination of care.

8. From this experience, the Committee determined that Dr. Blanchfield has gained insight into patient selection and monitoring.

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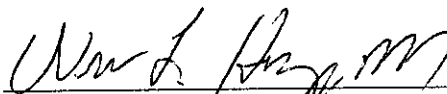
WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and due to significant changes in Dr. Blanchfield's practice, the Board imposes NO SANCTION.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Dr. Blanchfield may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 25, 2006, 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.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on October 25, 2006; 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

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