

1 blood pressure was not documented. Respondent spoke to the medical assistant who
2 reported GB's blood pressure was 64/42 with a pulse of 70.

3 5. Respondent did not contact GB after being informed of the significantly low
4 blood pressure value. That same evening, August 17, 2005, GB suffered a cardiac arrest.
5 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transported GB to the hospital. However, GB was in
6 asystole and resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. An autopsy showed a 85% luminal
7 obstruction and thrombus in the proximal portion of the right coronary artery and 75%
8 luminal atherosclerotic obstruction of the left anterior descending artery. The final autopsy
9 summary reported that GB died as a result of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

10 6. The standard of care for a patient being seen in an urgent care center with
11 complaints of nausea, dizziness, and hot and cold sensations requires a Physician
12 Assistant to be aware of the vital signs of the patient at the time of the visit.

13 7. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by failing to note GB's
14 significant hypotension at the time of his urgent care appointment.

15 8. The standard of care also requires a Physician Assistant to repeat the blood
16 pressure manually and reassess the pulse when a patient is found to have a significantly
17 hypotensive blood pressure value with a normal pulse.

18 9. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by failing to obtain a repeat
19 manual blood pressure value along with a repeat pulse.

20 10. The standard of care for an immunocompromised patient with symptoms
21 potentially suggestive of infection with prior anemia on medications known to cause
22 neutropenia requires a Physician Assistant to further evaluate with lab assessment and an
23 Electrocardiogram (EKG).

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1 11. Respondent deviated from the standard of care by failing to recognize
2 symptoms potentially suggestive of infection in an immunocompromised patient with prior
3 anemia on medications known to cause neutropenia.

4 12. Respondent could have potentially missed severe anemia, neutropenia, and
5 sepsis with potential for worsened infection and death. Respondent could have also
6 potentially missed EKG changes suggestive of ischemia with potential for myocardial
7 infarction and death.

8 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
10 Respondent.

11 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
12 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2501(21)(j) (“[a]ny conduct or practice that is or might be
13 harmful or dangerous to the health of the public.”).

14 **ORDER**

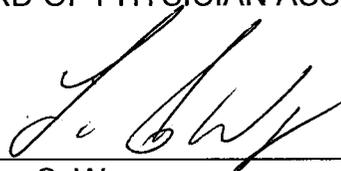
15 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

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17 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2010.

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19 ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

20 (SEAL)



By 
Lisa S. Wynn
Executive Director

1 CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
3 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
4 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

5 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
6 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

7 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights
8 to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to
9 challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of
10 action related thereto or arising from said Order.

11 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
12 Executive Director.

13 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
14 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
15 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
16 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
17 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
18 any other state or federal court.

19 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy
20 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the
21 entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
22 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
23 by the parties.

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1 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
2 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
3 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

4 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the
5 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

6 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
7 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
8 prejudgment or other similar defense.

9 10. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct
10 and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-2501(21)(dd) ("[v]iolating a formal
11 order, probation agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its
12 executive director") and 32-2551.

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15 Jeffrey Smolin, P.A.-C

DATED: 9/8/10

16 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
17 this 14th day of November 2010 to:

18 Jeffrey Smolin, P.A.-C
19 Address of Record

20 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
21 this 14th day of November 2010 with:

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