



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Professions and Occupations



VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

August 20, 2018
Case No: 2015-4668-B

Loran D. Sherwood Jr., M.D.

Dear Dr. Sherwood:

Inquiry Panel B ("Panel") of the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its inquiry regarding your conduct as a physician. It was the Panel's decision not to commence 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, from September 20, 2010 to November 2015, you provided treatment and care for Patient D.B. Patient D.B. underwent a left ulnar nerve transposition the year before and was referred to you for pain management. During that period, you prescribed her numerous opiates at high dosages. You provided substandard practice by prescribing unusually high doses of opioids and benzodiazepines and by escalating the dosage faster than what is common practice. Your approach to chronic pain management for D.B. led to hyperalgesia from excessive opioids

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.

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 in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
INQUIRY PANEL B

Paula E. Martinez,
Program Director

