

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

2 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

3 In the Matter of

Board Case No. MD-00-0166

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5 **PAUL COULOMBE, M.D.**

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER**

6 Holder of License No. 21251
7 For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

(Letter of Reprimand and Probation)

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9 This matter was considered by the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board")
10 at its public meeting on October 11, 2001. Paul Coulombe, M.D., ("Respondent")
11 appeared before the Board with legal counsel, Richard Kent, for a formal interview
12 pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S. § 32-1451(I). After due
13 consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter, the Board voted to issue the
14 following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.

15 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 16 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
17 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 18 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 21251 for the practice of medicine
19 in the State of Arizona.
- 20 3. The Board initiated case number MD-00-0166 upon receiving a complaint
21 regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a patient.
- 22 4. On August 4, 1995, a 24 year-old male patient ("Patient") presented to
23 Respondent complaining of blood in his stool and blood in the toilet after Patient had a
24 bowel movement.
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1 5. Respondent evaluated Patient, diagnosed proctitis and prescribed Anusol
2 suppositories.

3 6. On April 8, 1996, eight months after his initial visit, Patient returned to
4 Respondent with complaints of continued rectal bleeding. Respondent recommended a
5 barium enema and a flexible sigmoidoscopy. The results of a barium enema performed
6 on May 2, 1996 were negative.

7 7. Respondent performed the flexible sigmoidoscopy on May 30, 1996.
8 Respondent noted a mild proctitis and some fresh blood at the rectum. Respondent
9 prescribed Anusol suppositories and recommended an increase in Patient's fiber and
10 fluid intake. Respondent did not perform a biopsy of any tissue.

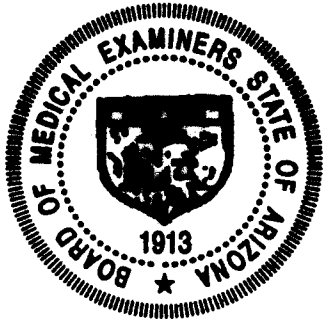
11 8. Patient returned to Respondent on March 13, 1997, ten months after the
12 flexible sigmoidoscopy was performed, with complaints of continued intermittent rectal
13 bleeding. Respondent examined Patient, assessed hematochezia likely from proctitis as
14 opposed to bleeding internal hemorrhoids. Respondent again prescribed Anusol
15 suppositories and suggested increased fiber intake.

16 9. On May 29, 1997, Patient again presented to Respondent and described
17 fresh blood dripping from his rectum and recent abdominal pain. Respondent prescribed
18 Rowasa suppositories and indicated that he would refer Patient to a gastrointestinal
19 specialist for further evaluation and treatment. Respondent wrote out the referral and
20 submitted it through the clinic where he was employed.

21 10. On July 1, 1997, Patient called Respondent's office to inquire about the
22 referral. Patient phoned Respondent's office again on July 10, 1997, and reported blood
23 present in his stool during each of his previous eight bowel movements as well as
24 diarrhea and light-headedness.

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1 DATED this 9th day of January, 2002.



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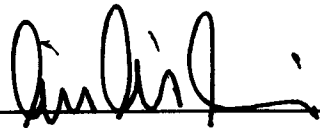
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