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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of  
**SHAHZAD HASAN, M.D.**  
Holder of License No. **33716**  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

Board Case No. MD-08-0095A  
**FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**  
(Letter of Reprimand)

The Arizona Medical Board ("Board") considered this matter at its public meeting on December 4, 2008. Shahzad Hasan, M.D., ("Respondent") appeared before the Board for a formal interview pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S. § 32-1451(H). The Board voted to issue Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order after due consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 33716 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case number MD-08-0095A after receiving a complaint regarding Respondent's care and treatment of a 36 year-old female patient ("SK") alleging Respondent failed to monitor SK's PT/INR results and failed to respond to her deteriorating condition that contributed to her death.
4. SK was a 36 year old female with an extensive past medical history, which included spina bifida, lower extremity paraplegia, mild chronic renal insufficiency with nephrotic range proteinuria, recurrent UTI's and urostomy status, central sleep apnea on CPAP, and a prior VP shunt placement, who was on Coumadin for DVT prophylaxis. .

1           5.       SK had an INR performed as an outpatient on the morning of March 2, 2007 that  
2 was critically elevated.

3           6.       SK was transmitted to Del Webb Hospital by EMS the evening of March 2, 2007  
4 with decubitus ulcer bleeding; however, there was no documentation that the ER physician was  
5 aware of her critical INR value.

6           7.       Multiple labs were ordered except for a PT/INR. SK was admitted early the next  
7 morning with a decubitus ulcer and UTI. A chest x-ray was performed and showed worsening of  
8 interstitial prominence-infiltrate or edema, when compared to a prior film. Verbal orders were  
9 received from a covering provider for plastic surgery and infectious disease consultations.

10          8.       SK was seen by the plastic surgeon who wrote wound care orders and also  
11 ordered a Clinitron bed and heel pads. Bedside debridement was performed.

12          9.       Respondent saw SK for the first time in the morning of March 3, 2007 and  
13 documented a chief complaint of "decubitus getting worse". On exam, Respondent documented  
14 SK's paralysis, but indicated that he did not examine the decubitus because SK had difficulty  
15 rolling to the side.

16          10.      Respondent noted that a PT/INR had not been ordered and gave a 'Now' order to  
17 obtain the lab at 10:35am that same day. He additionally started intravenous fluids.

18          11.      SK was seen by the infectious disease specialist who ordered IV Cefepime for the  
19 UTI. In the afternoon, SK received IV Morphine for reported back pain.

20          12.      Respondent left the hospital at approximately 5:00 pm on March 3, 2007.

21          13.      In the late afternoon of March 3, 2007, SK was noted to have sleep apnea, a  
22 reduced respiratory rate, and required nasopharyngeal suctioning of small amounts of red colored  
23 fluid.

1           14.     At approximately 6:30 pm, nursing staff called Respondent and updated him  
2 regarding CK's condition. He gave verbal orders to administer Narcan, which improved her  
3 respiratory rate, and to discontinue Morphine.

4           15.     At 7:00 pm, a nurse updated Respondent regarding SK's status. The nurse noted  
5 that respiratory therapy documented hypoxia on a 50% VM and suctioning of large amounts of  
6 bloody secretions. SK was placed on a 100% NRB mask. Respondent gave new lab orders at  
7 this time, but did not return to the hospital to see the patient.

8           16.     Labs were drawn at 9:45 pm and the lab values reported were a critical K+ of 6.6,  
9 a PT of greater than 80, and an INR greater than 20. Nursing notes described SK as obtunded.  
10 After being contacted, Respondent gave verbal orders for ICU transfer, treatment of  
11 hyperkalemia, Vitamin K and renal consultation.

12           17.     SK was subsequently transferred to the ICU with copious amounts of bright red  
13 blood pouring from her nose and mouth. She had agonal breathing and was pulseless and a code  
14 arrest was called.

15           18.     At 12:00am, March 4, 2007, Respondent arrived back at the hospital with the code  
16 in progress and spoke with the family. Resuscitation efforts were not successful and SK was  
17 pronounced dead on March 4, 2007 at 1:23 a.m.

18           19.     SK's final diagnoses included respiratory failure attributed to pneumonia/probable  
19 aspiration, sepsis and septic shock, coagulopathy secondary to Coumadin and UTI.

20           20.     During his Formal Interview Respondent admitted that he did not pursue the  
21 PT/INR test that he had ordered, but relied on hospital staff to convey the information to him.

22           21.     Respondent stated that he has changed his practice since this incident and is  
23 more persistent in following up on orders that he gives.  
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1 <sup>4a</sup> 6 day of ~~February~~ <sup>April</sup>, 2009 with:

2 Arizona Medical Board  
3 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road  
4 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

4 Executed copy of the foregoing  
mailed by U.S. Mail this  
5 6<sup>th</sup> day of ~~February~~ <sup>April</sup>, 2009 to:

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7 Shahzad Hasan, M.D.  
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**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
REHEARING OR REVIEW**

(Letter of Reprimand)

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8 At its public meeting on April 1-2, 2009, the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") considered  
9 a Petition for Rehearing or Review filed by Shahad Hasan, M.D. ("Respondent").  
10 Respondent requested the Board rehear or review its February 5, 2009, Findings of Fact,  
11 Conclusions of Law and Order for Letter of Reprimand in Case no. MD-08-0955A. The  
12 Board voted to deny the Respondent's Petition for Rehearing or Review upon due  
13 consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter.

14 **ORDER**

15 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

16 Respondent's Petition for Rehearing or Review is denied. The Board's February  
17 5, 2009, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Letter of Reprimand in Case  
18 no. MD-08-0095A is effective and constitutes the Board's final administrative order.

19 **RIGHT TO APPEAL TO SUPERIOR COURT**

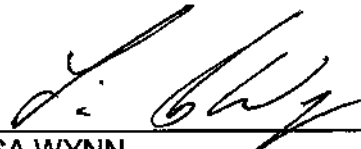
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21 Respondent is hereby notified that he has exhausted his administrative remedies.  
22 Respondent is advised that an appeal to Superior Court in Maricopa County may be  
23 taken from this decision pursuant to title 12, chapter 7, article 6 of Arizona Revised  
24 Statutes.  
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DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.



THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By   
LISA WYNN  
Executive Director

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