

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **SCOTT J. CRAWFORD, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 10293
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Board Case No. MD-12-0648A

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

(Letter of Reprimand)

7 The Arizona Medical Board ("Board") considered this matter at its public meeting
8 on December 5, 2012. Scott J. Crawford, M.D., ("Respondent") appeared before the
9 Board for a formal interview pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S. § 32-
10 1451(H). The Board voted to issue Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order after
11 due consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter.

12 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

13 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
14 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

15 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 10293 for the practice of
16 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

17 3. The Board initiated case number MD-12-0648A after receiving notification
18 from the Chief of Staff at Banner Good Samaritan indicating the Executive Committee
19 had requested that Respondent refrain from practice pending a determination by the
20 Professional Health Committee that he was safe to practice. The hospital's decision was
21 made after it found Respondent's care to be below the standard of care in two surgical
22 cases.

23 4. In the first case, involving Patient LW, an endometrial biopsy showed that
24 the patient had complex hyperplasia with focal cytological atypia, and an ultrasound
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1 revealed a small fibroid. Respondent carried out a LSH-BSO with morcellization of the
2 uterus.

3 5. Pathology revealed focal well differentiated adenocarcinoma, endometrioid
4 type, grade 1/3 measuring 1cm with no myometrial invasion. LW was referred to a
5 gynecological oncologist and elected to undergo a laparoscopic trachelectomy and lymph
6 node dissection, which were all negative for carcinoma.

7 6. In the second case Patient LD had a CT scan suggestive of a neoplasm. An
8 ultrasound done in Respondent's office noted a fibroid which was also noted on MRI.
9 Concern was noted for a malignancy with perforation or abscess formation due to a
10 separate mass with multiple fluid collections and air fluid levels along with fluid in the
11 pelvis.

12 7. Respondent performed a laparotomy and encountered difficulty in entering
13 the peritoneal cavity due to the mass. A 25cm mass was identified. Due to dense
14 adhesions of the bowel, an enterotomy occurred and was repaired. A frozen section
15 revealed endometrioid neoplasm.

16 8. LD was returned to surgery with general surgery, urology, gynecologic
17 oncology, and plastic surgeons involved, and the mass was removed after ureteral stents
18 were placed. The bladder was repaired and a TAH-BSO was carried out with biopsies of
19 the rectus muscle.

20 9. Pathology revealed adenocarcinoma consistent with colon primary 13cm in
21 size extending throughout the large bowel as well as into the small bowel well with focal
22 rupture and abscesses noted.

23 10. LD was hospitalized and developed a wound infection, DVT, PE, and an
24 IVC filter was placed. She was later seen by Respondent and his notes indicate that the
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1 incision was healing by secondary intention, with a description of an IUD having been
2 placed.

3 11. A Medical Consultant (MC) reviewed Respondent's care of the two patients
4 and identified deviations from the standard of care as well as a medical recordkeeping
5 violation. The MC opined that Respondent did not meet the standard of care in his
6 preoperative evaluation of patient LD and that he failed to elect an appropriate type of
7 procedure for the diagnosis. Additionally, a concern for records was noted in LD's case
8 based on the postoperative visit describing placement of an IUD.

9 12. At the Formal Interview, Respondent acknowledged that the findings of the
10 MC were accurate. He stated that he had grappled with serious personal issues during
11 the time period in which the deviations occurred and believes these personal problems
12 may have compromised his medical judgment.

13 13. The standard of care requires a physician to elect an appropriate type of
14 procedure for the diagnosis.

15 14. Respondent deviated from the standard of care in the case of LW by failing
16 to elect an appropriate type of procedure for the diagnosis.

17 15. The standard of care requires a physician to perform an adequate
18 preoperative evaluation of the patient.

19 16. Respondent deviated from the standard of care in the case of LD by
20 performing an inadequate preoperative evaluation.

21 17. Patient LW underwent a second surgery. This was LW's choice, but could
22 have been avoided if the uterus had been removed without morcellization and the cervix
23 taken because the grade and lack of myometrial invasion would not have necessitated a
24 lymph node dissection.

25 18. Patient LD required two procedures.

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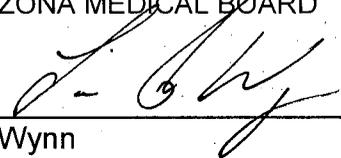
RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW

Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or review. The petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within thirty (30) days after service of this Order. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B). The petition for rehearing or review must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-16-103. Service of this order is effective five (5) days after date of mailing. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(C). If a petition for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed to Respondent.

Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is required to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

DATED this 7th day of FEBRUARY, 2013

THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By 
Lisa S. Wynn
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 7th day of FEBRUARY, 2013 with:

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