



1 Patient S.H. was examined by Scott Dlugos, M.D., an emergency room physician, who  
2 determined that the patient was suffering from status-post motor vehicle accident and  
3 hypotension.

4 5. A CT scan of patient S.H.'s chest, abdomen and pelvis were performed, as  
5 well as a chest x-ray and c-spine. All of patient S.H.'s x-rays and CT scans were reviewed  
6 and interpreted as normal by Dr. Walgren, when in fact the chest CT scan actually showed  
7 evidence of pericardial effusion of significant proportions.

8 6. Patient S.H. had marked signs of cardiovascular instability that responded to  
9 high volume IV fluid therapy. He also had abrasions and contusions around the shoulder  
10 and anterior chest, consistent with a shoulder restraint injury, but no significant finding  
11 being reported on the CT scan of the chest. Patient S.H. was admitted to the Intensive  
12 Care Unit for monitoring with the diagnosis of hypotension, etiology presently obscure.

13 7. Patient S.H.'s stay in the Intensive Care Unit began at 2:45 a.m. and at  
14 approximately 4:30 a.m., he went into cardiac arrest and could not be resuscitated.

15 8. An autopsy conducted on patient S.H. found a laceration at the level of the  
16 inferior vena cava and atrium that led to cardiac tamponade.

17 9. Dr. Walgren's failure to correctly interpret patient S.H.'s chest CT scan  
18 contributed to the misdiagnosis of patient S.H.'s pericardial effusion and tamponade.

19 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Dr.  
21 Walgren.

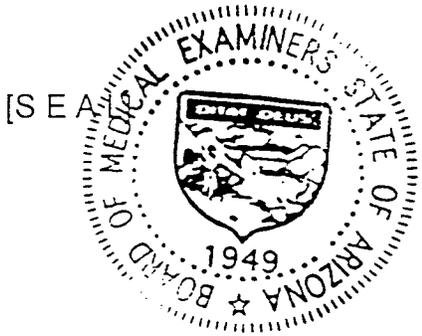
22 2. The conduct and circumstances described above in paragraphs 5 to 9  
23 constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(l)(conduct that the  
24 board determines is gross malpractice, repeated malpractice or any malpractice resulting  
25 in the death of a patient).



1 Dr. Walgren is further notified that the filing of a petition for rehearing is required to  
2 preserve any rights of appeal to the superior court that he may wish to pursue.

3 DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 1999.

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