

1 ("Profile") obtained from a local pharmacy revealed excessive prescribing. Specifically,
2 the Profile revealed that during the month of August 2000 Respondent prescribed 1,000
3 doses of hydrocodone with acetaminophen for Patient.

4 5. The medical records revealed that Patient suffered from hepatitis C. In
5 response to a query from the Board, Respondent stated that prescribing 1,000 doses of
6 hydrocodone with acetaminophen was not prudent.

7 6. The Profile also revealed that in November of 2000 Patient received 1500
8 doses of hydrocodone with acetaminophen. Patient was then receiving approximately 16
9 grams of acetaminophen per day. In response to a query from the Board, Respondent
10 stated that this amount of acetaminophen being prescribed to Patient was troublesome.

11 7. Respondent testified that due to elevated liver function tests results he
12 switched Patient to oxycodone in April of 2001.

13 8. In response to the Board noting that Patient's intake of oral narcotics had
14 quadrupled during Respondent's care, Respondent stated that Patient complained of
15 chronic pain interfering with his daily activities.

16 9. Patient's records reveal that a pharmacy contacted Respondent's office and
17 voiced concern about the amount of narcotics Patient was receiving.

18 10. Respondent informed the Board that he had taken education courses in the
19 area of pain management. Respondent also informed the Board that his current practice
20 is to place all of his pain management patients on pain management contracts and to
21 keep a list of chronic medication indicating accurate notations of when refills were given
22 and the amounts of the medication.

23 11. Board staff informed the Board that Respondent had been delinquent in
24 responding to Board staff requests for information.

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1 DATED this 9th day of January, 2002.



6 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
7 OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

8 By Claudia Foutz
9 CLAUDIA FOUTZ
10 Executive Director

11 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
12 9 day of January, 2002 with:

13 The Arizona Board of Medical Examiners
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17 mailed by U.S. Certified Mail this
18 9 day of January, 2002, to:

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

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3 In the Matter of

4 **MICHAEL CARLTON, M.D.**

5 Holder of License No. 21360
6 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
7 In the State of Arizona.

Case Number: MD-01-0242

**ORDER TERMINATING BOARD
ORDER FOR LETTER OF
REPRIMAND AND PROBATION
DATED JANUARY 9, 2002**

8 At its public meeting on July 7, 2004 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board")
9 considered the request of Michael Carlton, M.D. ("Respondent") to terminate the Board
10 Order for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation dated January 9, 2002 ("January 2002
11 Order"). The Board was presented with information that Respondent has complied with all
12 terms of probation of the January 2002 Order, specifically Respondent obtained the
13 required continuing medical education and submitted to a chart review wherein all charts
14 were found to be satisfactory.
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16 After due consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter, the Board
17 voted to terminate the Board Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation dated January
18 9, 2002.

19 **ORDER**

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board Order for Letter of Reprimand and
21 Probation dated January 9, 2002 is terminated.
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1 DATED this 8th day of September, 2004.



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By *Barry A. Cassidy*
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13 Michael Carlton, M.D.
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RE: Termination Order
Case No.: MD-01-0242, License No.: 21360

Dear Dr. Carlton:

Enclosed you will find a copy of an Order Terminating Consent Agreement and Order for Letter of Reprimand and Probation Dated April 25, 2001.

This letter confirms the probationary status of your license is hereby terminated. A copy of this letter has been placed in your license file.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Arcuri, Senior Compliance Officer, at (480) 551-2745.

Sincerely,

Paula Arcuri
Senior Compliance Officer

Enclosure

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