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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

VICTOR ALVAREZ, M.D.

Holder of License No. 7669
For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Board Case No. MD-02-0041A.

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

(Letter of Reprimand)

On July 10, 2002, Victor Alvarez, M.D., ("Respondent") appeared before a Review Committee ("Review Committee") of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") with legal counsel, Paul Forrest, for a formal interview pursuant to the authority vested in the Review Committee by A.R.S. § 32-1451(P). The matter was referred to the Board for consideration at its public meeting on December 4, 2002. After due consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter, the Board voted to issue the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.

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. 7699 for the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-02-0041A after receiving notification of a malpractice settlement involving Respondent's care and treatment of a 44 year-old female patient ("Patient"). On December 19, 1996 Patient underwent an excisional biopsy of the left breast at Yuma Regional Medical Center ("Yuma Regional"). Patient's mammogram and sonogram testing had showed a suspicious mass in the left breast.

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