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November 30, 2007

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**CORRECTED LETTER OF CONCERN**

**RE: Case #06-14**

Dear Dr. Sherman:

At a meeting held **November 13, 2007**, the Board reviewed information from the Osteopathic Medical Board Case No. 3775 regarding the above referenced matter. As you may recall, the case had been tabled by the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners on July 11, 2006 and jurisdiction ceded to the Osteopathic Medical Board. Following their review of the information from the Osteopathic Medical Board investigation the Board voted to issue you a non-disciplinary *Letter of Concern* pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §32-2901(13). A *Letter of Concern* is defined at A.R.S. §32-2901(13) as an advisory letter to notify a physician that, while there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes the physician should modify or eliminate certain practices. The Board was concerned that failure to complete a patient procedure (ie. prolotherapy) without utilizing sterile technique might ultimately lead to harm to a patient as referenced in ARS 32-2933(19) that states:

*“Any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the homeopathic medical profession, any conduct or practice that does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient, or any conduct, practice or condition that does or might impair the ability to practice homeopathic medicine safely and skillfully.”*

The Board also voted to require completion of twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2934(E)(3) in the areas of aseptic technique and sterile patient examinations. They recognize your previous completion of 20 hours of continuing medical education in response to the Osteopathic Board's review of the matter and agreed that those hours would satisfy the requirement. Accordingly, the following documentation has been received from you regarding the continuing medical education requirement:

-PICC Fundamentals/Advanced PICC Insertion (11 hours) Maricopa Medical Center  
-Observation at Scottsdale Healthcare Hospital-Shea (12 hours) –Interventional Radiology Department (verified by John Neal, MD, Chairman of the Department).

With the issuance of this letter a copy of which will be retained in your license file, this matter will be administratively closed. As a non disciplinary action, a Letter of Concern is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank or Health Care Integrity and Protection Databank. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Springer".

Christine Springer  
Executive Director

Cc: Complainant  
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