



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH Board of Physicians

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Alexander H. Neustadter, M.D.
1111 University Blvd., West
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

Re: Steven Kariya, M.D.
Ahmed Nawaz, M.D.
Jay H. Weiner, M.D.
Shahid Shammim, M.D.

Dear Ms. Neustadter:

The Board must assure that the citizens of Maryland receive competent medical care from licensed physicians and that the physician is complying with the laws of Maryland. However, the Board is empowered to act only when there is evidence to substantiate charging a physician under the forty grounds enumerated in Health Occupations Article, Section 14-404. The Board can take either formal action against a physician's license, such as a reprimand, suspension or revocation, or informal action by advising the physician of the standards governing the practice of medicine. The Board may also close a matter without taking action.

A preliminary investigation was conducted regarding your complaint. This investigation included obtaining all pertinent material related to the complaint and a review by a Board medical consultant. After completion of this investigation, the Investigative Review Panel determined that this did not form the basis of a chargeable offense or would not meet the standard of proof required by law.

The Board appreciates your taking the time to bring to its attention your concerns regarding this physician. If you have any questions, please contact Carol A. Palmer, Supervisor, Intake Unit at 410-764-5979.

Despite meticulous and extensive documentation and evidence implicating multiple grounds under §14-404, complaint did not even survive a preliminary investigation.

It was "resolved and closed" without contacting complainant or any of the doctors involved, as are 80% of complaints received by the Maryland Board of Physicians.

Sincerely,

C. Irving Pinder, Jr.
Executive Director

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cc: Carol Palmer, Supervisor, Intake Unit

