



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Professions and Occupations

December 30, 2022

Keri Berge Topouzian
[REDACTED]
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Re: License Number: DR.26569
Case Number: 2022-5153

Dear Dr. Topouzian,

The Colorado Medical Board has concluded its inquiry into the above matter. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your professional license. However, the Panel did determine disciplinary action in the form of this letter of admonition is warranted.

As you know, on June 2, 2022, you were disciplined by the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery ("Michigan Board") in the form of a Consent Order and Stipulation. The Michigan Board fined you \$2,500 and placed you on probation for one year. You agreed that the Michigan Board could find as true the allegations in its complaint against you, including that your assistant administered Alpha Lipoic Acid treatments in rooms that were unsanitary, where your assistant did not follow sanitary practices in providing that and other treatments, and where a patient received treatments that were prescribed to another patient. You also did not timely provide requested medical records to a patient.

After consideration of the information in this case, the Panel finds that you committed unprofessional conduct, in violation of sections 12-240-121(1)(j) and (r) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, you did not ensure a sanitary environment for your patients, risking infection from failing to clean devices and equipment, and you did not provide medical records upon request. In so doing, you failed to meet generally accepted standards of medical practice. Also, you did not report the adverse action by the Michigan Board to the Colorado Medical Board within 30 days of its occurrence, as required by the Colorado Medical Practice Act.

By this letter, the Board takes the formal disciplinary action of admonishing you for the conduct specified above and warns you that repetition of such practice may lead to imposition of more severe disciplinary action. This letter is an open public record and a reportable action to individuals or entities requesting disciplinary information. The Board strongly encourages you to review and understand the Medical Practice Act requirements and obligations for the practice of medicine in Colorado.

In accordance with 12-20-404(4)(b), the Board advises you that you have the right to make a written request that the Board initiate formal disciplinary proceedings to adjudicate the conduct or acts upon which this letter is based. You must make your written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter and address your request to Paula Martinez, Program Director, at the email address listed below. If you make a timely request, the Board will deem this letter of admonition vacated and may proceed with disciplinary and/or injunctive proceedings in accordance with 12-20-404(4)(b)(II), C.R.S., and applicable rules.

A Letter of Admonition, when accepted, becomes a permanent, public portion of your record. It is not, however, a restriction on your practice as a physician.

If you have further questions or concerns, please visit our website at <https://www.colorado.gov/dora/dpo> or you can contact our office at dora_medicalboard@state.co.us or by calling (303) 894-7800.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD

With Delegated Authority from Inquiry Panel B,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula E. Martinez".

Paula E. Martinez

Program Director

Please complete a short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5JR27T> regarding aspects of the service you received. Your anonymous response will be used to evaluate the service experience and to identify areas where improvements may be appropriate.

Notice

Your Healthcare Professions Profile will be updated to reflect this Colorado public action. Pursuant to section 12-30-102, C.R.S., your profile must be updated within 30 days of any reportable event. To ensure compliance, you must regularly review and update your profile. To access your profile, go to www.colorado.gov/dora/hppp and click the "Create/Update a Profile" link. For any questions, please contact dora_dpo_hppp@state.co.us.