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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

December 6, 2012  
Case No. 2012-1036-A

David M. Oba, M.D.

Dear Dr. Oba:

Inquiry Panel A of the Colorado Medical Board ("Panel") has concluded its inquiry regarding your role in the care and treatment of patient T.G. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

Patient T.G., a 25-year-old correctional facility inmate with poorly controlled hypertension, had a history of urinary problems and elevated serum creatinine when he presented for treatment in December 2009. Patient T.G. complained he had difficulty passing urine for the previous two months. You performed a physical examination and prescribed a thirty-day course of antibiotics for patient T.G. You subsequently saw and treated patient T.G. for a knee injury. On the evening of October 22, 2010 patient T.G. presented to the nursing staff complaining of abdominal pain, diarrhea, dizziness, tingling in his extremities, and a feeling that his throat was closing. Patient T.G. reported an odd smell in his nose similar to ammonia. You were contacted by phone. You verbally ordered tests and prescribed Bactrim for a presumed urinary tract infection. You signed the orders the following day. You did not see patient T.G. before his death on October 28, 2010.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient T.G. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a physician, constituting a violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, although patient T.G. had a history of poorly-controlled hypertension, urinary problems, and elevated serum creatinine levels, you failed to recognize and take appropriate action in connection with the signs and symptoms of chronic kidney disease.

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By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed in an administrative proceeding. To do so, you must submit a written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter. In your request, you must clearly ask that formal disciplinary proceedings be initiated against you to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon which this letter of admonition is based. If such request is timely made, this letter of admonition will be deemed vacated and the matter will be processed by means of a formal complaint and hearing. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act governing the discipline of licensed physicians.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD  
INQUIRY PANEL A



J. Dale Utt, D.O.  
Chair

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cc: Emma Skivington, Esq.