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By Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested

Joseph Gregory Jemsek, M.D.  
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14330 Oakhill Park Lane #200  
Huntersville, NC 28078

Dear Dr. Jemsek:

The Board has concluded its inquiry regarding your supervision of your nurse practitioners and your use of a hyperbaric chamber for the treatment of patients with a putative diagnosis of Lyme disease.


The Board is concerned that you failed to supervise your nurse practitioners in a manner consistent with Board regulations. This failure resulted in three of your nurse practitioners receiving public reprimands.

In addition, the Board is concerned that you used a form of treatment, a hyperbaric chamber, for patients with a putative diagnosis of Lyme disease that the Board finds to be non-indicated for Lyme disease. The Board is further concerned that you utilized this treatment after being ordered to stop administering another form of treatment (long term intravenous antibiotics) that the Board found to be below acceptable and prevailing standards of medical practice.

The Board does note that presently your North Carolina medical license is inactive.

This public letter of concern shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Sincerely,

  
Janelle A. Rhyne, M.D.  
Board President

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cc: James P. Cooney, III, Esq.