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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

April 12, 2018

Case No. 2017-2753-A

Jonathan L. Sollender, M.D.

Dear Dr. Sollender:

Inquiry Panel A ("Panel") of the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its inquiry regarding your care and treatment of patient T.K. 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.

As you recall, in July 2014, you evaluated patient T.K., a 35-year old male, in the Emergency Department ("ED") subsequent to a severe injury to the patient's left forearm from an angle grinder blade. The patient presented to the ED with the blade still imbedded and active bleeding. You concluded the patient sustained significant injuries to the arteries and nerves as a result of the trauma. You performed surgery to reestablish blood flow in the radial and ulnar arteries. Approximately three days after surgery, the patient was transferred to another facility for consideration of limb preservation surgery, and ultimately underwent a left forearm amputation.

After a review of all the information in this investigation, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient T.K. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a physician, constituting unprofessional conduct in violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, you failed to recognize possible compartment syndrome as a contributing factor to continued ischemia, and you failed to perform compartment releases in the patient's forearm and hand.



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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 in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
INQUIRY PANEL A



Donna M. Baldwin, D.O.

Chair

DMB/sgr

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