

**STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: Ajaz Iqbal, M.D.

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Docket Nos. MPC-16-0202

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER
AND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

INTRODUCTION

On April 3, 2002, the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (Board) held a special meeting to consider the Attorney General's motion for the summary suspension of the license to practice medicine of Ajaz Iqbal, M.D. (Respondent). The Board also considered the Attorney General's motion to conduct the proceedings pursuant to the statutory provisions of 26 V.S.A. § 1360(c). The Hearing Panel of the Board included the following members: Harry L. Chen, M.D., Hearing Panel Chair; Katherine M. Ready, Public Member; Lewis C. Blowers, M.D.; Dewees H. Brown, M.D.; James D. Cahill, M.D.; John E. Mazuzan, M.D.; Edward P. Smith, Jr., D.P.M.; and H. James Wallace, M.D. Board Counsel, Phillip J. Cykon, Esq., served as presiding officer. The State of Vermont was represented by Assistant Attorney General James S. Arisman. Dr. Iqbal did not appear, but Amy E. Sylvester, Esq. participated on a limited basis via telephone. Also present were Gloria Hurd, Board Executive Director, and Pam Pembroke, Board Administrative Secretary, who recorded the hearing.

PROTECTIVE ORDER

The State's motion to conduct proceedings pursuant to statutory provisions requests that the Board protect the identity of the complainant and the confidentiality of her medical records. The motion for summary suspension alleges that Respondent engaged in acts of sexual misconduct. The complainant has requested the Board to implement all protections of her identity and medical records that are provided under 26 V.S.A. § 1360(c). For these reasons, the Board grants the State's request and **IT IS ORDERED** that any records presented to the Board in support of the motion for summary suspension that would reveal the identity of the complainant are sealed and not subject to public disclosure.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

Based upon the State's motion and the evidence concerning Respondent's alleged misconduct presented at the meeting, the Board of Medical Practice finds that public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action. **SUCH FINDING IS HEREIN INCORPORATED**, and **IT IS ORDERED** by the Board that:

- A. The State's Motion for Summary Suspension is **GRANTED**;
- B. Respondent Iqbal's license to practice medicine in the State of Vermont is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** under the authority of 3 V.S.A. § 814(c) and Board Rule 15.1(d), pending proceedings for revocation or other final action;
- C. The hearing on the Specification of Charges, when filed by the State, will be scheduled as soon as practical;

