

STATE OF VERMONT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In Re: Melissa Carla Smith-Horn, M.D.,  
Respondent

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Docket Nos. MPS 101-0804  
MPS 97-0605

SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

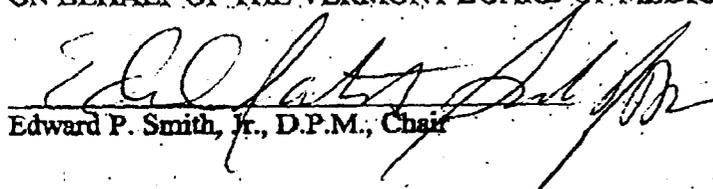
On August 3, 2005, this matter came before the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (Board) to consider the Motion for Summary Suspension (Motion) dated 8/3/05 and filed by the Attorney General's Office in the above-referenced case. Phillip J. Cykon, Esq. served as Presiding Officer for the Board. James S. Arisman, Esq. presented the motion on behalf of the Attorney General's Office. Respondent was not present at the hearing.

The Board considered the Motion and the Affidavit of Board Investigator, Paula Neninger, filed in support of the Motion. Respondent's Vermont medical license is currently lapsed/not renewed as of 11/30/04. The Motion and Affidavit detail facts alleging Respondent's abandonment of patient records on a residential driveway thereby potentially exposing them to public view. The Motion and Affidavit further detail facts concerning Respondent's prescribing irregularities and diversion of narcotics. These allegations set forth a pattern of false or fraudulent representations and immoral or dishonorable conduct that could constitute unprofessional conduct.

Based on the facts alleged in the Motion and Supporting Affidavit, the Board finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and incorporates the finding in this Order. Pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), the Board approves the Motion for Summary Suspension and hereby **ORDERS** the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Vermont pending disciplinary proceedings, which shall be promptly instituted and determined.

SO ORDERED AND EFFECTIVE ON AUGUST 3, 2005.

ON BEHALF OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE:

  
Edward P. Smith, Jr., D.P.M., Chair

Date

8/3/05

ENTERED: August 3, 2005