Anne Lawrence 1997 Washington State investigation

Summary

Sexologist Anne Lawrence's 1997 resignation as an anesthesiologist was connected with Lawrence's professed erotic interest in ritualized genital modification. The State of Washington Department of Health has a 58-page file on the incident, as Case No: 97-05-0042MD.

Background

According to self-reports, Anne Lawrence's erotic interest surrounding medically-constructed vaginas and genital modification drove Dr. Lawrence to undergo genital modification in 1996. Dr. Lawrence’s inability to be accepted as a female by coworkers and patients culminated in a forced resignation in 1997, after a March 31 incident where Dr. Lawrence examined an unconscious Ethiopian patient’s vagina for signs of genital modification. The record shows that Dr. Lawrence refused to believe a peer who told Lawrence several times that the Ethiopian patient did not have ritualized genital modification. Dr. Lawrence then examined the unconscious patient personally after the gynecologist left the room.

Though the case was closed in November without any disciplinary action taken, by Dr. Lawrence’s own admission and eyewitness reports, the incident that prompted the investigation did occur. Following the incident, Dr. Lawrence became a sexologist specializing in “paraphilic” body modification. Given Lawrence’s extensive subsequent writings on genital modification as a type of erotic interest, it appears that Lawrence’s allegedly “scientific” papers are in fact an exercise in identity politics, an attempt to appropriate the term “transsexual” for people like Lawrence in order to make their erotic interests appear more socially acceptable. Prior to Lawrence’s efforts, such people were usually classified in clinical literature as non-transsexual or pseudotranssexual, and less formally as pretenders or wannabes.

Notes on documentation

These scans are the best available copy from Washington State’s Health Professions Quality Assurance Commission and are in approximate chronological order. Areas in white appear to be emendations made in the dossier at the request of Anne Lawrence and/or Dr. Lawrence's lawyers.

Health Professions Quality Assurance
Customer Service Center
PO Box 47865
Olympia WA  98504
Phone : (360) 236 - 4700
Respondent Information

Name: Anne A. Lawrence
License#: 057773
Address: 1229 Madison St., Suite 440
City: Seattle, WA 98104

Respondent's Counsel of Record:

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Is Physician on Compliance?: No

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name: Swedish Health Services
Address: 747 Broadway
City: Seattle, WA 98122-4307

No Response Ack Letter Subp Letter to State

Date of Response By:
May 20, 1997

Anne A. Lawrence, MD
1229 Madison St. Suite 1440
Seattle, WA 98104

SUBJECT: Case No: 97-05-0042MD

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Medical Quality Assurance Commission has received a complaint dated 5/20/97, concerning an allegation of unprofessional conduct as defined in RCW 18.130.180 (4), the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

Under the provision of RCW 18.130.050, of the Uniform Disciplinary Act, the Medical Quality Assurance Commission is the agency within State government with legislated authority to investigate complaints.

The complaint has been reviewed and it has been concluded that the allegations made in the complaint fall within the jurisdiction of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission. A file has been opened under the number 97-05-0042MD. A preliminary investigation to gather the facts will be conducted by an investigator from the Department of Health, Medical Investigations Unit. The investigator will contact you as soon as possible during the investigation.

Attached for your information, is a copy of the Complaint Process and UDA. Please be aware that this process can take three to six months and in some cases longer. If you have questions, please feel free to call James H. Smith, Chief Investigator at (360) 586-4574.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Maryellen Jansen, Program Manager
May 20, 1997

Swedish Health Services
947 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122-4307

SUBJECT: Anne A. Lawrence, MD
Case No: 97-05-0042MD

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you express concerns regarding Anne A. Lawrence, MD. Your complaint has been assigned a case number which is 97-05-0042MD. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of the Complaint Process.

Your complaint will be assessed to determine whether there are alleged violations of the Uniform Disciplinary Act, Chapter 18.130 RCW. Please be advised that due to workload constraints you may not hear from us during the preliminary investigative process. If you have any additional information or documentation pertaining to your complaint, please forward along with a copy of this letter to the following address:

Medical Quality Assurance Commission
Attention: Maryella Jansen
1300 SE Quince Street
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866

The enclosed brochure contains information regarding the Medical Quality Assurance Commission, and the complaint process. You will be notified in writing of the final decision in this case.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have any questions concerning the process, please call Maryella Jansen at (360) 664-0244.

Sincerely,

Maryella Jansen, Program Manager
WASHINGTON STATE MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

TO: Medical Investigations Unit

FROM: Betty Wilbur, Intake Coordinator

PHONE #: 586-3335

DATE: 5-21-97

CASE#: 97-05-0042MD

RESPONDENT: Lawrence, Anne A.

LOCATION: Seattle

DATE RECEIVED: 5-21-97 DATE ASSIGNED: 5-21-97

PRIORITY: 3  CODE: 04

INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED: Virginia Renz

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

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Washington State Department of Health
Medical Quality Assurance Commission

May 20, 1997

TO: Medical Quality Assurance Commission/AAG

FROM: George Heye, M.D., Medical Consultant

SUBJECT: Complaint of Swedish Health Services

Respondent: Anne A. Lawrence, MD
1229 Madison St. Suite 1440
Seattle, WA 98104

File #97-05-0042MD
TS #9388

Date of Birth: 11/17/50
Date of Licensure: 5/9/77
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Board Certification: Yes

Summary: Swedish hospital reports the resignation from the staff of the respondent related to a professional conduct issue, i.e., the respondent apparently examined a patient without the patient's permission.

Prior Cases: None

Rec: Investigations.

Board Action: Pending
VIA FAX
360-586-4573

Virginia Renz
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
1300 SE Quince Street
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Re: Anne Lawrence, M.D.
Notice of Appearance

Dear Ms. Renz:

I have met today with Dr. Lawrence and she has retained this firm to represent her in connection with the investigation the Commission has commenced. I am enclosing our Notice of Appearance.

I am aware that have been contacted by another attorney in connection with this case. That attorney had represented Dr. Lawrence in a related matter. I have asked Dr. Lawrence to clarify with that individual the nature of their relationship, which I anticipate that she will do in the next few days.

I know that you may or may not have been assigned to conduct the Commission's investigation of this matter. It is for that reason that I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Ms. Jansen. I ask that you or Ms. Jansen contact me and let me know which investigator has been assigned to this case. In the meantime, Dr. Lawrence has asked me to inform you that she is in the process of clarifying representational issues with the other attorney. Once I have heard from her that she has done so, I will call you.

Knowing that you are out of town, I have left a message on your voice mail to alert you to
Virginia Renz  
May 30, 1997

this situation. I look forward to talking with you next week.

Very truly yours,

TARUTIS & BARRON, P.S.

Kathryn R. Barron  
Attorney at Law

enc Notice of Appearance

cc: Maryella Jansen, Program Manager  
Anne Lawrence, MD
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  

In the Matter of Disciplinary Action  
Concerning:  
Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.,  
Respondent.  

NO.  
NOTICE OF APPEARANCE  

TO: The Medical Quality Assurance Commission, and  
TO: Maryella Jansen, and  
TO: Virginia Renz, Health Care Investigator  

YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that Kathryn R. Barron of Tarutis & Barron, P.S. hereby appears in the above entitled cause on behalf of the Respondent, Anne Lawrence, M.D., and requests that all further papers and pleadings herein, except original process, be served upon the undersigned attorney at the address below stated.  


Respectfully submitted,  

TARUTIS & BARRON, INC., P.S.  

Kathryn R. Barron, WSBA 21847  
Of Attorneys for Respondent  

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE - 1  
chlawrence@notice.ap
1. **OPERATION INFORMATION:** SENT
   
   Date Transmitted: May 30, 1997
   
   Total Number of Pages: three (3) (including information sheet)

2. **FROM:** Kathryn R. Barron

3. **PLEASE DELIVER TO:**
   
   Name: Virginia Renz
   
   Firm: Medical Commission
   
   City: Olympia
   
   Teletypewriter Telephone Number: 360-586-4573

   **RE:** Ann Lawrence, MD

   Documents Transmitted: Letter and Notice of Appearance

   Comments: I will talk with you next week.

   For Office Use Only:
   
   Case Name: LAWRENCE AD LAW
   
   No: 97-08-151
**ADVERSE ACTION REPORT**

**SECTION A -- REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION**

1. Data Bank ID (15): 09909323300000000
2. Type of Report: [ ] Initial Report [ ] Correction or Addition [ ] Revision to Action [ ] Void Period Report
3. Type of Adverse Action Taken: [X] Clinical Privileges
4. Entity Name (40): Swedish Health Services
5. Entity Address (40): 417 Broadway, Seattle, WA
6. City (25): Seattle
7. State (10): WA
8. ZIP Code (5 or 9): 98121-1371

**SECTION B -- PRACTITIONER INFORMATION**

9. Practitioner Name: Lawrence
10. Other Name Used: [ ] Lawrence
11. Organization Name (40): [ ]
12. Work Address (40): [ ]
13. City (25): [ ]
15. ZIP Code (5 or 9): 98121-1371
16. If not U.S., Country (10): [ ]
17. Home Address (40): [ ]
18. City (25): [ ]
19. State (10): WA
20. ZIP Code (5 or 9): 98121-1371
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**SECTION C -- ADVERSE ACTION INFORMATION**

22. License Number (15): [ ]
23. Date of Birth: [ ]
24. Social Security Number (U.S. Only): [ ]
25. Federal DEA Number (12): [ ]
26. Professional School Attended (40): University of Minnesota
27. Date of Graduation: [ ]
28. Adverse Action Classification Code (5): [ ]
29. Length of Action: [ ]
30. Effective Date of Action: [ ]

**SECTION D -- CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the reporting entity or individual identified in Section A of the report is authorized, under the provisions of P.L. 94-455, as amended, and as specified in 21 CFR Part 46, to provide the information to the National Practitioner Data Bank. I further certify that the reporting entity or individual has authorized me to submit this report to the Data Bank, and that the information provided is true and complete.

WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misinformation to the National Practitioner Data Bank is subject to a fine and imprisonment under Federal statute.

31. Description of the acts or omissions or other reasons for the action taken, if known and applicable, the reasons for surrender of clinical privileges (500 - see Instructions):

An incident involving the physician's professional conduct occurred which led to his resignation from the Medical Staff of Swedish Medical Center. The incident involved an examination of a patient by the physician without the patient's consent.

**Signature**

-Jeffrey Lawrence

**Additional Information:** Check box if more than one License Number, DEA Number, or Professional School.

**Printed Name of Entity Representative (40):** Jeffrey Lawrence

**Telephone Number (15):** (206) 786-2738 ext

**Signature Date:** 01/01/1997

**Original Signature of Entity Representative:** [Signature]

WHITE DATA BANK  YELLOW STATE MEDICAL OR DENTAL BOARD  PINK SEE FORM INSTRUCTIONS  GOLD REPORTING ENTITY

**HSDA-530 (7/93)**
SECTION A -- REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION
1. Data Bank: SD (15) 2. Type of Report: Initial Report
3. Type of Adverse Action Taken: Clinical Privileges
4. Entity Name (40): SWEDISH MEDICAL SERVICES
5. Entity Address (45): 747 BROADWAY
   SEATTLE WA 98122-4307
6. City (25): SEATTLE
7. State (2): WA
8. Zip Code (9 or 10): 98122
9. City (25): SEATTLE
10. State (2): WA
11. Zip Code (9 or 10): 98122

SECTION B -- PRACTITIONER INFORMATION
9. Practitioner Name: LAWRENCE, ANNE
   First (15): LA
   Middle (15): R
   Last (25): LAWRENCE
   Suffix (3): A
10. Other Name Used: LAWRENCE, MARK
    First (15): LA
    Middle (15): R
    Last (25): LAWRENCE
    Suffix (3): A
11. Organization Name (40):
12. Work Address (45): 1624 MADISON SUITE 1440
13. City (25): SEATTLE
15. Zip Code (9 or 10): 98101
16. NE U.S. County (10):
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18. City (25): SEATTLE
19. State (2): WA
20. Zip Code (9 or 10): 98101
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26. Professional School Attended (40):
   UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
27. Date of Graduation (MM/DD/YYYY) (if no date, see instructions):
   [01/01/1975]
28. Address Action Classification Code (5):
   [001]
29. Length of Action (in months and days):
30. Effective Date of Action (MM/DD/YYYY) (if no date, see instructions):
   [01/01/1975]
31. Description of the act or omission or other reasons for the action taken, and if known and applicable, the reasons for surrender of clinical privileges (500 - see instructions):
   An incident involving the physician's professional conduct occurred which led to her resignation from the Swedish Medical Center. The incident involved an examination of a patient by the physician without the patient's consent.

SECTION D -- CERTIFICATION
I certify that the reporting entity or individual identified in Section A of this report is authorized, under the provisions of P.L. 99-290, as amended, and as specified in 48 CFR Part 58, to submit the information to the National Practitioner Data Bank. I further certify that the reporting entity or individual has authorized me to submit this report to the Data Bank, and that the information provided is true and correct.

32. Printed Name of Entity Representative (40): JUDITH R. HOFF
33. Title of Entity Representative (40): DIRECTOR, MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES
34. Telephone Number (15): [360-236-6900]
35. Signature Date (MM/DD/YYYY): [01/01/1975]
36. Original Signature of Entity Representative:

WHITE DATA BANK, YELLOW STATE MEDICAL OR DENTAL BOARD; PINK SEE INSTRUCTIONS; GOLD REPORTING ENTITY
HSA-530 (7/96)
August 8, 1997

Swedish Medical Center Hospital
Director, Medical Staff Services
747 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122

Dear Medical Director:

The Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission has received the adverse action report concerning Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission is the entity within State government with legislated authority and responsibility to assure the delivery of safe medical care. Under the provisions of RCW 18.130.050, the Medical Quality Assurance Commission is empowered to investigate all allegations and complaints to determine whether such allegations are substantiated and to take disciplinary or corrective action, if warranted.

Please be advised that this is a preliminary investigation only and that no charges have been issued in connection with this investigation.

The Health Care Information Act, RCW 70.02.050 (2)(a), requires that a health care provider disclose health care information about a patient without patient authorization when that information is needed to determine compliance with state licensure rules or laws. Pursuant to RCW 18.130.050(16), a health care facility terminating or restricting a practitioner’s privileges must permit access to peer review deliberation records of the decision to terminate or restrict the privileges (peer review records).

Under provisions of the above laws you are requested to provide:

Information and documents that caused findings that the activities and conduct of Anne A. Lawrence, M.D., did not meet the standards of Swedish Medical Staff and Hospital.
Swedish Medical Center Hospital

August 8, 1997
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Please send copies of the records within fourteen (14) days after receipt of this letter. If copying costs will exceed $100.00 please advise before copying. Copies are to be sent to: Please call and set a date, time and location for the inspection of peer review records in accordance with RCW 70.41.220.

Virginia R. Renz, Investigator III
Department of Health
Medical Investigation Unit
1300 SE Quince Street
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, Washington 98504-7866

If you have any questions concerning this request please contact me at (360) 586-5172. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Virginia R. Renz
Health Care Investigator III
August 8, 1997

Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.
1229 Madison St. Suite 1440
Seattle, WA 98104

Re File No.:97-05-0042MD.

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

The Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission has received a mandatory report of adverse action by Swedish Health Services. It is alleged that unprofessional conduct occurred on May 19, 1997.

The Washington State Medical Quality Assurance is the entity within State government with legislated authority and responsibility to assure the delivery of safe medical care. Under the provisions of RCW 18.130.050, the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance is empowered to investigate all allegations and complaints to determine whether such allegations are substantiated and to take disciplinary or corrective action, if warranted.

Please be advised that this is a preliminary investigation only and that no charges have been issued in connection with this investigation.

Under provisions of RCW 18.130.180(8) and WAC 246-919-620, a health care provider shall cooperate by providing a full and complete explanation covering the matter under investigation and/or request for records and documents in his or her possession. Failure to cooperate may be deemed to be unprofessional conduct pursuant to RCW 18.130.180 (8).

The Health Care Information Act, RCW 70.02.050 (2)(a), authorizes and requires that a health care provider disclose health care information about a patient without patient authorization when that information is needed to determine compliance with state licensure regulations and laws when needed to protect the public health. Pursuant to the Health Care Information Act compulsory process (subpoena) is no longer required to obtain health care information. Copies of the pertinent RCWs and WACs are provided for your information.

Under provisions of the above laws you are requested to provide:

1. A statement detailing the incident regarding the examination of a patient without her consent. Your reason for resigning from Swedish
membership. What and where your current medical practice is and what your future plans are.

2. The names of all states in which you are currently licensed.

3. Written verification of your last three (3) years of Continuing Medical Education Credits.

4. A copy of your current curriculum vitae (history/resume).

5. Facility Affiliations:
   a) The names of all health care facilities where you currently hold active and/or courtesy staff privileges;
   b) The names of all health care facilities where you formerly held active or courtesy staff privileges;
   c) A written description of any peer review and/or quality assurance action regarding your practice, and/or privileges, at any health care facilities named in items (a) and (b) above.

You are free to consult with and engage an attorney at your expense to represent you in this matter prior to making your response. Your response may be used if disciplinary action is deemed necessary. If you wish to have an attorney represent you, please have the attorney file a Notice of Appearance at the address below.

Please submit your response within fourteen (14) days after receipt of this letter. Mail your response to:

Virginia R. Renz, Investigator III
Department of Health
Medical Investigations Unit
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, Washington 98504-7866

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at (360) 586-5172. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Virginia R. Renz, Investigator

cc: Kathryn R. Barron, Attorney
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
P 978 052 471

Virginia Renz, Investigator
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
1300 SE Quince Street
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Re: Anne Lawrence, M.D.
Your File: 97-05-0042MD
Response to Request for Cooperation

Dear Ms. Renz:

I am enclosing Dr. Anne Lawrence’s response to your request for information about her resignation from Swedish Medical Center and the subsequent Data Bank Report. With her letter is a copy of her current Curriculum Vitae and evidence of her last three years Continuing Medical Education. I have enclosed her summary of CME credit hours, copies of her category I and II credits. I have not enclosed supporting data for her category III as it is the nature of anesthesia records and, therefore, I will not do so unless specifically requested as they contain confidential patient data.

Dr. Lawrence resigned her clinical privileges at Swedish Medical Center following summary peer review action based on a single incident in which she conducted a brief examination of a patient prior to hysterectomy. The examination was not done with the consent of the patient and Dr. Lawrence was the anesthesiologist, not the gynecologist. I believe that Swedish Medical Center will tell you that Dr. Lawrence’s clinical competence was not at issue in this case. Rather it was a matter of an isolated lapse in personal judgement. Dr. Lawrence has taken responsibility for her conduct. I understand that the patient has been informed of the examination and has expressed no concern.

I believe that factors other than the examination influenced the hospital’s reaction to the incident and Dr. Lawrence’s response. there was a significant possibility of adverse and salacious media coverage of the incident. As Dr. Lawrence indicates in her statement, most people were uncomfortable about her presence. The hospital itself was faced with some logistical challenges. Several unhappy staff members complained about this decision to hospital administration. After the incident involving Dr.
Lawrence’s examination of the patient, the story was soon making its way around the hospital. It was increasingly likely that the story would breach the boundaries of the hospital and get into the media.

As they discussed this incident with her, the hospital’s administrator painted the image of responding to phone calls from the Seattle Times reporters asking for comment on the story. Administration officials discussed with her the negative impact this kind of publicity would have on her and she was concerned about the effect such negative news stories could have on her two small children.

She had no intention of placing her children or her relationship with them in the hot light of the media. It was Dr. Lawrence’s clear impression that the hospital was telling her that there could be no assurances that the gossip that was circulating around the hospital would not be leaked to the press and that, in particular, that there was no way to prevent the unhappy members of the nursing staff from “breaking ranks.”

Dr. Lawrence was also told, candidly, that her chance of retaining her privileges with the Board of Trustees, even if a challenge to any formal peer review action was successful, was remote. She could see that the combination of the abundance of anesthesiologists in the market and Swedish’s well guarded sterling reputation, did not bode well for her challenge.

The combination of Dr. Lawrence’s personal remorse about her conduct, the image of invasive media attention, and a fairly realistic political appraisal of her position at the hospital was sufficient to convince her to defend herself or her privileges. Instead, she chose to accept the summary peer review action and resign.

She is prepared to provide the Medical Commission with whatever assurances it deems necessary that this incident was isolated and has been remedied and will not occur again in the future.

As I indicated, Dr. Lawrence has authorized me to request that this matter be resolved as soon as possible. I have suggested to you that this case be assigned to a staff attorney and Reviewing Commissioner in the near term with plans to meet to discuss Commission concerns and reach an agreed outcome in the near term. I appreciate your assistance in this regard. I look forward to talking with you.

Very truly yours,

TAKUTIS & BARRON, P.S.

[Signature]

Kathryn R. Barkon
Attorney at Law

enc: Statement of Anne Lawrence, M.D.
Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Lawrence
CME evidence
August 25, 1997

Virginia Renz, Investigator
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
1300 SE Quince Street
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Re: File Number 97-05-0042MD

Dear Ms. Renz:

As you requested, I am writing to provide the Medical Commission with a statement detailing my examination of a patient without consent, and my reasons for resigning my clinical privileges at Swedish Hospital. Before I address the specifics of your request, I would like to provide you with some background information which may help to place those events in context.

I have been in private practice as an anesthesiologist in Seattle for nearly 20 years. I was certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology in 1978, at age 27 -- a bit younger than most. From 1978 to 1980, I practiced at Group Health Hospital, then left to join Associated Anesthesiologists. I served as an employee and director of that professional corporation until 1994, when we merged with Physicians Anesthesia Service, my employer until April of 1997. During those 17 years, I practiced primarily at Swedish Hospital. I served terms as president of Associated Anesthesiologists, and as clinical Chief in South Surgery at Swedish. I also served on the Equipment and Quality Assurance committees in my department. My colleagues would probably tell you that I'm a meticulous clinician with a conservative practice style, and that I'm a good teacher.
I married in December of 1987. My spouse was woman I had known for many years, but our marriage was rocky from the start. Our son, was born in October, 1988, and our daughter, in March, 1990. My spouse and I stayed together in an empty marriage, mostly for the sake of our children, until the summer of 1995. My divorce became final in October of 1996. This was met with a mixture of reactions by my colleagues. A few of them were supportive, but I also encountered significant resistance.

My children, now seven and eight years old, have been my single most important source of encouragement during the difficulties I have faced in the last two years.

Now, to address your specific questions: On March 31, 1997, I administered anesthesia to a patient scheduled for a hysterectomy. My patient was a 41 year old Ethiopian woman, and her attending gynecologist was Dr. Yolanda Richardson. After the patient was anesthetized, she was placed in lithotomy position. The nurse in the room noted that the woman's pubic area had been shaved, and she commented on this. I asked Dr. Richardson whether, given the patient's cultural background, she might have been circumcised. Dr. Richardson told me that she had not been. Following this conversation, Dr. Richardson left the room to scrub for the procedure.

To confirm the information Dr. Richardson had given me, I walked to the foot of the table and performed a brief visual examination of the patient. I placed my gloved right hand on the patient's lower abdomen, but I did not otherwise touch her. All of this occurred in full view of the other staff personnel in the room; none of them made any comment. I returned to the head of the table and resumed my routine care of the patient. Her surgery went well, and I thought no further about the matter until April 3.
Three days after the event, the nurse and scrub technician who had been in the room with me filed an incident report. This was brought to my attention during a meeting with Kate Rogers, the head of Surgical Nursing; Dr. Lee Norman, Senior Vice President for Medical Staff Affairs at Swedish; and my Department Chair, Dr. Paul Zievers. I immediately recognized my lapse in judgment, and accepted responsibility for my conduct. I felt awful. Dr. Norman expressed concern that, given my recent gender transition, word of the incident could potentially become public. I was concerned about the effect such publicity could have on my young children, on the reputation of the hospital, on the privacy of my patient, and on me professionally.

Under the circumstances, I decided that the best course for me was to resign from the staff of Swedish. I knew that my clinical competence was not in question. But I feared that regardless of the outcome of peer review action, word of the incident and investigation would undermine my working relationships, and my ability to function professionally. Defending myself would have been emotionally arduous, and I honestly didn't know if I could handle the stress. I knew that the peer review process was supposed to be confidential, but I believed there was still the risk of a leak to the press. The prospect of media coverage of the incident was a significant concern for me. I was also very concerned about my children, and was unwilling to risk negative publicity and its potential effect on them. I retained legal counsel, and my attorney advised me of the consequences of resignation under these circumstances, including the Data Bank report, and eventual investigation by the Medical Commission. I now sometimes ask myself whether it would have been better to have fought for my privileges, and sometimes I think so; but I'm honestly not sure.

Our work together has helped me to better understand my conduct during the incident, and the factors which contributed to it.

I regret that I allowed my professional judgement to lapse. I have accepted responsibility for my conduct, and have tried to use this incident and its aftermath as an opportunity to grow personally. I am thankful that my clinical competence was not called into question, and that the incident did not cause any harm to my patient.
I do not have specific plans for my professional future. My employment with Physicians Anesthesia Service ended automatically when I resigned my clinical privileges at Swedish Hospital. I practiced anesthesiology for over 20 years, and I feel that perhaps a change might be for the best. Among the options I am considering are residency programs in other medical specialties. Until my future becomes more clear, I plan to continue my education as a helping professional. In October I am scheduled to begin training at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco.

You have asked about a few other matters. I am licensed only in the state of Washington. Having resigned my privileges at Swedish, I do not now hold staff privileges at any health care facility. Prior to my resignation, I held privileges only at Swedish; but I have in the past held privileges at Medical Dental Hospital and St. Cabrini Hospital, during the years my corporation provided anesthesia services there. Other than the incident that gave rise to my resignation, I have never had any peer review or quality assurance actions involving my professional practice or privileges.

At your request, I am enclosing my current Curriculum Vitae, and verification of my last three years of Continuing Medical Education.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.
CURRICULUM VITAE

Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.
1828 - 12th Ave., Suite 201
Seattle, WA  98122
(206) 323-8126

Personal Data

Born November 17, 1950  -  Minneapolis, MN

Education

1967 - 1971       B.A., Chemistry
                  University of Chicago
                  Chicago, IL  60637

1971 - 1974       M.D.
                  University of Minnesota
                  Minneapolis, MN  55455

Post-Graduate Training

1974 - 1975       Internship (Rotating)
                  Hennepin County Medical Center
                  Minneapolis, MN  55407

1975 - 1977       Residency, Anesthesiology
                  University Hospitals of Cleveland
                  Cleveland, OH  44106

1977 - 1978       Fellowship, Pain Management
                  Department of Anesthesiology
                  University of Washington Hospitals
                  Seattle, WA  98195

Clinical Experience

                  1229 Madison Street, Suite 1440
                  Seattle, WA  98104

                  901 Boren Avenue, Suite 850
                  Seattle, WA  98104
1978 - 1980  Staff Anesthesiologist  
Group Health Hospital  
Seattle, WA  98122

Special Local Responsibilities

1993 - 1995  Anesthesia Quality Assurance Committee  
Swedish Hospital Medical Center

1993 - 1995  Anesthesia Equipment Committee  
Swedish Hospital Medical Center

1993 - 1995  Ambulatory Surgery Planning Committee  
Swedish Hospital Medical Center

1985 - 1987  Z.79 Committee  
American Society of Testing and Materials

Administrative Experience

1993 - 1994  Chief, South Surgery Anesthesia  
Swedish Hospital Medical Center  
Associated Anesthesiologists, Inc.

1986 - 1987  President  
Associated Anesthesiologists, Inc.

Teaching Experience

1979 - Present  Associate Clinical Faculty  
Department of Anesthesiology  
University of Washington

Board Certification

1978  Diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiology

1975  Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners
Licensure

1977 - Present  Washington

Professional Organizations

1976 - Present  American Society of Anesthesiologists
1976 - Present  American Society of Regional Anesthesia
1975 - Present  International Anesthesia Research Society
1980 - Present  Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists
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9/11/95 -- Dr. Reid
(anesthesia records)  4.25 hrs.
11/2/95 -- Dr. Fenton
(anesthesia records)  3.25 hrs.
11/8/95 -- Dr. Fenton
(anesthesia records)  4.0 hrs.
1/5/96 -- Dr. Paladinetti
(anesthesia records)  2.6 hrs.
1/17/96 -- Dr. Paladinetti
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Total for Category III  37.7 hrs.

CATEGORY V  (Journals)

JAMA (weekly): 150 issues @ 10' ea.  ~25 hrs.
Anesthesiology (monthly): 36 issues @ 30' ea.  ~18 hrs.
Anesthesia and Analgesia (monthly) 36 @ 30"  ~18 hrs.
Regional Anesthesia (bi-monthly) 18 @ 15'  ~4.5 hrs.
ASA News (monthly) 36 @ 10' ea.  ~6 hrs.
Anesthesia News (monthly) 36 @ 10' ea.  ~6 hrs.

Total for Category V  60 hrs.

TOTAL FOR ALL CATEGORIES  179.2 hrs.
The Sol Shulman, M.D. Obstetrical Anesthesia Meeting
March 21-24, 1996
Grand Hyatt, San Francisco, CA

Certificate of Completion
Awarded to

Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.
AANA member/recertification #17997
Activity Expiration Date: March 24, 1996
20 CE Credits
Approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

17.5 CE Credits

University of California, San Francisco
Office of Continuing Medical Education
Program Directors

Signature
Certificate of Credit for Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Assn. is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.


This is to certify that Anne Lawrence, MD  
is eligible for 9.25 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Assn.

Steve Taravella  
Symposium Coordinator

\[\text{The U.S. and Canadian organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physicians, medical students and their supporters}\]
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Steve Taravella
Associate Director

This program has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 9.25 prescribed hours by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

AAFP hours attended: 

\[\text{\textbullet\textbullet\textbullet\textbullet}\]
SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER  
DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIA  
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE  
1993  

Name: Mark Lawrence, M.D.  

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List of Conferences
M & M Conferences & Case Discussions

✓ Nov.3

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Health Professions
Section Five
Bonnie King, Acting Executive Director

TO: Lee Norman/Christine 206-386-2277
   FAX #

FROM: Virginia Berg 360-586-5172
   Phone #

DATE: 9/2/97 PAGES (Including This Page) 3

FAX ALERT
OUR FAX # (360) 586-4373

COMMENTS

Re: Ltr of August 8, 1997
September 9, 1997

Virginia R. Renz, Investigator III
Department of Health
Medical Investigation Unit
1300 S. E. Quince Street
P. O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Dear Ms. Renz:

Re: Anne A. Lawrence, MD

Pursuant to your request of August 8, 1997, attached are copies of the following documents:

2. Addendum to Quality Improvement Report; narrative statement
3. Minutes of Peer Review Oversight Committee meeting of April 7, 1997
4. Letter to Lee Norman, MD, Vice-President for Medical Affairs at Swedish Medical Center from Anne Lawrence, MD, regarding the incident
5. Resignation letter from Anne Lawrence, MD, dated May 9, 1997
6. Acceptance of resignation letter from Swedish Medical Center to Anne Lawrence, MD, dated May 30, 1997

Should you wish additional information, please feel free to contact me (206) 386-2780.

I apologize for the delay in forwarding this information to you; however, I have been on an extended vacation.

Sincerely,

Judith I. Hoff, CMSC, CPCS
Director, Medical Staff Services

enclosures
THIS FILE IS BEING SENT TO YOU AND A STAFF ATTORNEY SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR REVIEW. THE ASSIGNED ATTORNEY, MIKE FARRELL WILL BE CONTACTING YOU TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH THIS CASE.

THE INITIAL REVIEW PANEL (IRP) OR STAFF BELIEVE THERE MAY BE A VIOLATION OF THE UDA AND WANTED AN EARLY REVIEW BY YOU TO ASSIST THE ATTORNEY IN PREPARATION OF A LEGAL REVIEW, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS NEED FOR AN EXPERT REVIEW, AND WHETHER THE FACTS SUPPORT A RECOMMENDATION FOR CHARGES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSIGNED ATTORNEY OR OUR PARALEGAL, CASANDRA.

Phone Numbers:
Gerald Kelly, Lead Staff Attorney 753-1350
Marcia Stickler 664-2252
Mike Weisman 586-0377
Mike Farrell, Lead Staff Attorney (509)458-3643
Mike Bahn 586-0476
Rosemary Irvin 664-4698
Casandra Batdorf, Paralegal 753-5613
Carolynn Bradley, Legal Secretary 664-2360
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH PROFESSIONS SECTION 5
INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

PREPARED FOR THE

MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

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Case # 97-05-0042MD

RESPONDENT: Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.

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Investigator: Virginia R. Renz

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 9/10/97
APPENDIX A

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.
1828 - 12th Ave. Suite 201
Seattle, WA 98122
Telephone No. (206) 323-8126

LICENSE NUMBER: 15773

DATE ISSUED: 05-09-77

EXPIRATION DATE: 11-17-97

BIRTH DATE: 11-17-50

SPECIALIZATION: Diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiology and Medical Examiners

HOSPITAL AFFILIATION: Currently none

PREVIOUS REGULATORY ACTION: No

PREVIOUS COMPLAINT HISTORY: No

ATTORNEY IDENTIFICATION: Katherine Barron
TARUTIS & BARRON
3900 Bank of California Building
900 Fourth Ave.
Seattle, WA 98164
206-223-1515

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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Swedish Medical Center/First Hill 
747 Broadway 
Seattle, WA 98122-4307 
Telephone No. (206) 386-2780

APPENDIX C

CONTACT LIST

Lee Norman, M.D. 
Medical Director 
Judith Hoff, CMSC 
Director, Medical Staff Services 
206-386-2780

Bruce W. Hilyer, Attorney 
1420 Fifth Ave. Suite 3510 
Seattle, WA 98101-2333 
206-689-5616

APPENDIX D

GENERAL SUMMARY

Swedish Hospital Medical Services reported that a board certified anesthesiologist had relinquished her privileges and also resigned from the Hospital. Respondent, was alleged to have inappropriately examined the perineum of an anesthetized patient when the primary surgeon was out of the room. (Page 1-2, Page 12-13)

Swedish Hospital was contacted to obtain pertinent information. (Page 4-7) (Exhibit A)


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December 2, 1997

Katherine Barron  
Tarutis & Barron  
3900 Bank of California Building  
900 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98164

SUBJECT: Anne A. Lawrence, MD  
Case No: 97-05-0042MD

Dear Ms. Barron:

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission considered an Adverse Action Report.

After careful consideration of the records and information obtained during its investigation, the Medical Quality Assurance Commission has determined to close this case no cause for action because evidence does not support a violation. However, this case may be reconsidered if additional information is received that warrants further investigation. The complainant will also be advised of the decision to close this case.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 664-0244.

Respectfully,

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Maree Jansen, Program Manager  
Medical Quality Assurance Commission

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MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

Initial Review Panel

Case Assignment Transmittal

Date: 9-26-97

To: Legal, Staff Attorney

____ Investigations

____ Licensing Manager

____ Medical Consultant

____ Case Coordinator

____ Compliance Officer

The following action was ordered by the Initial Review Panel at the 9-26-97 meeting:

____ Close “no cause for action”

____ Close with letter of concern

____ Close “no jurisdiction”

____ Close no jurisdiction. To local Medical Society

____ Administrative closure

____ Expert Review by __________

____ Legal Review

X To RCM __________

____ Close “below threshold”

____ Further investigation concerning ________________________

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Special Instructions: ________________________
**Health Professions Section 5**

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| MIDDLE INITIAL: | A |
| CODE (UDA): | 24 |

| PRIORITY: | □ 1-HIGH | □ 2-MEDIUM | □ 3-LOW |
| STAFF ATTORNEY ASSIGNED: | Farrell |

| REQUESTED ACTION: | □ LEGAL REVIEW | □ ADD TO OTHER CASES | □ EXPERT REVIEW | □ STD ORDERED |
| | □ CHARGES ORDERED | □ RSA ORDERED |

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INITIAL REVIEW PANEL
CASE PRESENTATION
Case Number: 97-05-0042MD

Date: 09/17/97 12:06 PM
Presented by: James H. Smith

Respondent: Lawrence, Anne A., MD

Complainant: Swedish Health Services

CASE SUMMARY

The Respondent: Board Certified in Anesthesiology, DOB 11/17/50, licensed since 77

The Complainant: Swedish Health Services

The Complaint: NPDB Adverse Action Report

Case Review: Swedish Health Services reports that after an incident involving the respondent's professional conduct occurred, she resigned from the medical staff. Reports and statements were obtained from the hospital which indicate that the respondent, who was the attending anesthesiologist, performed a genital exam on an anesthetized patient. The patient from Ethiopia was placed in a low-lithotomy position. The circulating nurse noted that the patient was already shaved. The respondent came around the end of the table and asked if the patient had her genitalia altered. The GYN responded “No.” The respondent asked “Are you sure that she has not been circumcised?” The GYN responded “She has not.” R states “She looks like she had something done, she doesn't look right.” The GYN replied “It probably looks different because she shaved herself, which may be a cultural thing.” The respondent replied “I still think she has something done” to which the GYN replied “No, its just aging.” The GYN then left the OR to scrub. The respondent then put on an exam glove and checked the patient's genitals. The respondent states “Oh, there is her clit, I guess she is OK.” and then returned to the head of the bed.

The respondent, both in a letter to the hospital and to the Commission, admits to a serious lapse in judgment. She indicates that she had no bad intentions; no desire to harm, to degrade, or exploit. The respondent decided to resign rather than face the possibility that the incident could become public and have adverse affects on her young children, the reputation of the hospital, the privacy of the patient, and on her professionally.

Some background is relevant. The respondent has practiced anesthesiology in Seattle for nearly 20 years without problem.

Prior Cases: None
APPENDIX I

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION
tomorrow

07-18-97 Call from K. Barron. Her client wants to get this over quickly so she can do other things.

08-06-97 Letter of cooperation to Respondent.

08-26-97 Data received from Respondent and attorney.

09-02-97 T/C to Lee Norman, M.D. Msg. left with Christine re: August 8 letter. When is the data coming?


09-12-97 Data received from Swedish Hospital.

09-15-97 File submitted for Program Management review.
## APPENDIX G

### ACTIVITY REPORT

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<td>File assigned, V. Renz.</td>
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<td>05-22-97</td>
<td>Call from Lee Norman. Lawrence resigned. Reason threat of adverse action. She plea bargained to stave off investigation. Unauthorized exam of pateint. The patient was not harmed. Question of moral turpitude.</td>
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<td>05-29-97</td>
<td>1440, Msg that Bruce Hilyer called.</td>
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<td>1552, T/C from K. Barron, She has been retained by A. Lawrence. Attorney Bruce Hilyer had been retained by Lawrence to deal with the hospital issues. Lawrence now wants Barron to represent. Just wanted to alert me to this.</td>
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<td>Faxed letter and notice of appearance, K. Barron.</td>
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<td>Courtesy copy of letter and notice of appearance rec'd.</td>
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<td>Letter from Bruce Hilyer re: no longer attorney for Respondent.</td>
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APPENDIX F

POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS
November 20, 1997

Anne A. Lawrence, MD
1229 Madison St. Suite 1440
Seattle, WA 98104

SUBJECT: Anne A. Lawrence, MD
Case No: 97-05-0042MD

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission considered an Adverse Action Report.

After careful consideration of the records and information obtained during its investigation, the Medical Quality Assurance Commission has determined to close this case no cause for action because evidence did not support a violation. However, this case may be reconsidered if additional information is received that warrants further investigation. The complainant will also be advised of the decision to close this case.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 664-0244.

Respectfully,

Maryella Jansen, Program Manager
Medical Quality Assurance Commission

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Medical Quality Assurance Commission
Case Assignment Transmittal

Date: 11/16/97

To: __________ Legal Mike Farrell, Staff Attorney
     _______ Investigations
     _______ Licensing Manager
     _______ Medical Consultant
     _______ Case Coordinator
     _______ Compliance Officer

From: Maryella Jansen, Program Manager

The following action was ordered by the Commission at the Nov. 97 meeting:

✓ Close "no cause for action".  ___ Close with letter of concern.

___ Close "no jurisdiction".  ___ Authorized Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

___ Offer non-reportable RSA  ___ Offer reportable RSA

___ Summary Suspension  ___ Statement of Charges

___ Interim order for evaluation  ___ Expert review by

___ Legal review  ___ RCM Re-assignment

___ Further investigation concerning

___ Practice review with emphasis on

___ Other

Special Instructions: ____________________________

__________________________________________
Maryella Jansen
Program Manager
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
1300 SE Quince Street
P.O. Box 47866
Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Re: Anne Lawrence, M.D.
Your No. 97-05-0042MD

Dear Ms. Jansen:

I am writing to request written confirmation of the Commission's recent determination in the above captioned matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn R. Barron
Attorney at Law

cc: Anne Lawrence, M.D.
FACSIMILE INFORMATION SHEET

1. OPERATION INFORMATION:
   Date Transmitted: December 1, 1997
   Total Number of Pages: two (2) (including information sheet)

2. FROM:
   Kathryn R. Barron

3. PLEASE DELIVER TO:
   Name: Maryella Jansen
   Firm: Medical Commission
   City: Olympia
   Telecopier Telephone Number: 360-586-4573
   RE: Ann Lawrence, MD
   Documents Transmitted: Letter
   Comments:

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NO: 97-08-151