

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.

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RESIDENCE INFORMATION
1229 MADISON STREET SUITE 1440
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OTHER NAME
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BIRTH PLACE
DATE 11-17-1950

PHONE: () - COUNTY: 17
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NOTES
11/15/95 SEE F8 RE NAME CHANGE
CURRENT STATUS: A D EXPIRATION DATE: 11-17-1997 FIRST ISSUE DATE: 05-09-1977
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File Number:

97050042MD

Date:

5-16-97

Respondent Information

Name:

Anne A. Lawrence

License:# 15773

address

1229 Madison St. Suite 1440
Seattle, WA 98104

Issued: 5-9-77

Expires: 11-17-97

D.O.B: 11-17-50

Medical School Attended:

Univ. of Washington

Year of Graduation:

Board Certified? No

YES

Board?

Anesthesiology

Declared Specialty Area(s)

Department of Licensing Information:

Respondent's Counsel of Record:

Previous Cases & Cross-Reference Cases

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Is Physician on Compliance?: No

If yes, Date of next Compliance Hearing:

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name

Swedish Health Services

947 Broadway

Seattle, WA 98122-4307

No Response

Ack Letter

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Letter to State

Date of Response

By:



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1300 SE Quince St • P.O. Box 47866 • Olympia, WA 98504-7866

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,

COPY

Maryella Jansen, Program Manager



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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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,

COPY

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#: *97-05-0042 MD*

RESPONDENT: *Lawrence, Anne A.*

LOCATION: *Seattle*

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

PRIORITY: *3* CODE: *04*

INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED: *Virginia Rane*

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

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

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May 30, 1997

**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

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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

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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

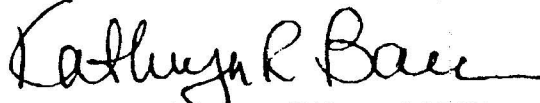
TO: The Medical Quality Assurance Commission, and
TO: Maryella Jansen, and
TO: Virginia Renz, Health Care Investigator

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.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

TARUTIS & BARRON, INC., P.S.



Kathryn R. Barron, WSBA 21847
Of Attorneys for Respondent

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE - 1

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May 30, 1997

FACSIMILE INFORMATION SHEET

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**

Telecopier 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

OMB NO 0915-0126
EXP DATE 04/30/95

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SECTION A -- REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION

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3. Type of Adverse Action Taken CHECK ONE <input type="checkbox"/> Licensure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Privileges <input type="checkbox"/> Society Membership	
4. Entity Name (40) Sueish Health Services	
5. Entity Address (40) 747 Broadway	
6. City (28) Seattle	7. State (2) WA
	8. ZIP Code (5 or 9) 98104-1430

SECTION B -- PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

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

9. Practitioner Name - Last (25) Lawrence	First (15) Anne	Middle (15) A	Suffix (3)
10. Other Name Used - Last (25) Lawrence	First (15) Mark	Middle (15) A	Suffix (3)
11. Organization Name (40)			
12. Work Address (40) 1229 University Suite 1440			
13. City (28) Seattle	14. State (2) WA	15. ZIP Code (5 or 9) 98104	16. If not U.S., Country (10)
17. Home Address (40)			
18. City (28)	19. State (2)	20. ZIP Code (5 or 9)	21. If not U.S., Country (10)
22a. License Number (16) 02520910000015773	22b. State of Licensure (2) WA	22c. Field of Licensure Code (3) 019	
23. Date of Birth MM-DD-YY 11-11-50	24. Social Security Number (U.S.) (9) 063056221	25. Federal DEA Number (12) M13056221	26a. Professional School Attended (40) University of Minnesota
		26b. Year of Graduation (4) 1979	

SECTION C -- ADVERSE ACTION INFORMATION

27. Date of Action MM-DD-YY 05-11-97	28. Adverse Action Classification Code (5) SEE CODES ON TEAR-OFF SHEET 03570	29. Length of Action IN MONTHS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 97	30. Effective Date of Action MM-DD-YY 05-11-97
31. Description of the acts or omissions or other reasons for the action taken, and if known and applicable, the reasons for surrender of clinical privileges (600 - see Instructions) An incident involving the physician's professional conduct occurred which led to her resignation from the Medical Staff of Sueish 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. 99-660, as amended, and as specified in 45 CFR Part 60, to provide this 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 misrepresentation to the National Practitioner Data Bank is subject to a fine and imprisonment under Federal statute.

32. Printed Name of Entity Representative (40) JUDITH HARRIS	35. Signature Date MM-DD-YY 05-02-97	36. Original Signature of Entity Representative Judith Harris
33. Title of Entity Representative (40) Director, Medical Staff Services		
34. Telephone Number (15) (206) 386-2780 ext		

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ADVERSE ACTION REPORT

OMB NO 0915-0126
EXP DATE 04/30/95

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4. Entity Name (40) SWEDISH HEALTH SERVICES	
5. Entity Address (40) 747 BROADWAY	
6. City (28) SEATTLE	7. State (2) WA 8. ZIP Code (5 or 9) 98122-4307

SECTION B -- PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

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

9. Practitioner Name - Last (25) LAWRENCE	First (15) ANNE	Middle (15) A	Suffix (3)
10. Other Name Used - Last (25) LAWRENCE	First (15) MARK	Middle (15) A	Suffix (3)
11. Organization Name (40)			
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18. City (28)	19. State (2)	20. ZIP Code (5 or 9)	21. If not U.S., Country (10)
22a. License Number (16) 022009MD000915773	22b. State of Licensure (2) SEE BACK OF FORM WA	22c. Field of Licensure Code (3) SEE CODES ON BACK OF FORM 0110	
23. Date of Birth MM-DD-YY 11-17-150	24. Social Security Number (U.S.) (9)	25. Federal DEA Number (12) 1478056221-1	
26a. Professional School Attended (40) UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA		26b. Year of Graduation (4) 1974	

SECTION C -- ADVERSE ACTION INFORMATION

27. Date of Action MM-DD-YY 05-19-97	28. Adverse Action Classification Code (5) SEE CODES ON REAR-OFF SHEET 63590	29. Length of Action IN MONTHS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 49	30. Effective Date of Action MM-DD-YY
31. Description of the acts or omissions or other reasons for the action taken, and if known and applicable, the reasons for surrender of clinical privileges (600 - see Instructions)			
An incident involving the physician's professional conduct occurred which led to her 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.			

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. 99-560, as amended, and as specified in 45 CFR Part 60, to provide this 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.

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32. Printed Name of Entity Representative (40) JUDITH I. HOFF	35. Signature Date MM-DD-YY 05-19-97	36. Original Signature of Entity Representative Judith I. Hoff
33. Title of Entity Representative (40) DIRECTOR, MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES	34. Telephone Number (15) (206) 386-2780 ext	

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1300 SE Quince St • P.O. Box 47866 • Olympia, WA 98504-7866

August 8, 1997

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

Re File No.:97-05-0042MD

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

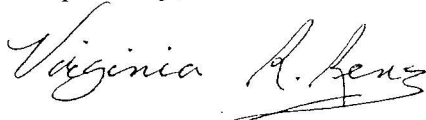
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Please send copies of the records within fourteen (14) days after receipt of this letter. If copying costs will exceed \$100.00 please advise before copying. Copies are to be sent to: Please call and set a date, time and location for the inspection 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 985047866

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

Respectfully,



Virginia R. Renz
Health Care Investigator III



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1300 SE Quince St • P.O. Box 47866 • Olympia, WA 98504-7866

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

August 8, 1997

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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.

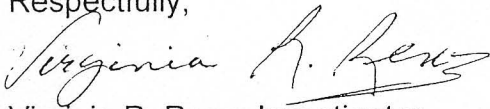
You are free to consult with and engage an attorney at your expense to represent you in this matter prior to making your response. Your response may be used if disciplinary action is deemed necessary. If you wish to have an attorney represent you, please have the attorney file a Notice of Appearance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

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August 25, 1997

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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Virginia Renz, Investigator
Medical Quality Assurance Commission
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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.

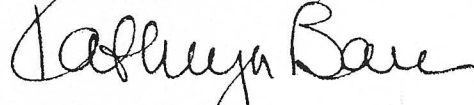
The combination of Dr. Lawrence's personal remorse about her conduct, the image of invasive media attention, and a fairly realistic political appraisal of her position at the hospital was sufficient to convince her not to defend herself or her privileges. Instead, she chose to accept the summary peer 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,

TARUTIS & BARRON, P.S.



Kathryn R. Barron
Attorney at Law

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

Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.

1828 -12th Ave., Suite 201

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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, _____, _____, and _____, 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.

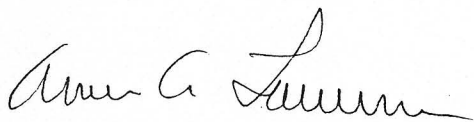
I regret that I allowed my professional judgement to lapse. I have accepted responsibility for my conduct, and have tried to use this incident and its aftermath as an opportunity to grow personally. I am thankful that my clinical competence was not called into question, and that the incident did not 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne A. Lawrence".

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

1994 - 1997	Physicians Anesthesia Service, Inc., P.S. 1229 Madison Street, Suite 1440 Seattle, WA 98104
1980 - 1994	Associated Anesthesiologists, Inc., P.S. 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

CME for Anne A. Lawrence, M.D., 11/17/93 -- 11/17/96

CATEGORY I	GLMA mtg. 8/17/95 - 8/19/95 (certificate)	9.25 hrs.
	OB Anesth. 3/21/96 - 3/24/96 (certificate)	17.5 hrs.
	WIM mtg. 5/30/96 - 6/2/96 (certificate)	6.75 hrs. -----
	Total for Category I	33.5 hrs

CATEGORY II	SHMC Anesth. Dept., 1993 (certificate)	1 hr.
	SHMC Anesth. Dept., 1994 (certificates)	9 hrs.
	SHMC Anesth. Dept., 1995 (certificate)	14 hrs.
	SHMC Anesth. Dept., 1996 (certificate)	10 hrs.
	SHMC, General, 1993 (certificate)	2 hrs.
	SHMC, General, 1994 (certificates)	4 hrs.
	SHMC, General, 1995 (certificates)	6 hrs.
	SHMC, General, 1996 (certificate)	2 hrs. -----
	Total for Category II	48 hrs.

CATEGORY III	(teaching Virginia Mason Anesthesia residents; time is for required didactic lecture/orientation (1 hr.), plus case times)	
	9/7/94 -- Dr. Perino (anesthesia records)	3.5 hrs.
	10/4/94 -- Dr. Piatok (anesthesia records)	2.5 hrs.

'4/94 -- Dr. Hertzog (anesthesia records)	5.0 hrs.
7/13/95 -- Dr. Hutchinson (anesthesia records)	5.75 hrs.
8/9/95 -- Dr. Stephan (anesthesia records)	4.25 hrs.
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 (anesthesia records)	2.6 hrs. -----
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.**

University of California, San Francisco
Department of Anesthesia

Obstetrical Anesthesia: 1996
The Sol Shnider, 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 #
AANA Code # 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


Samuel C. Hughes, M.D. and Mark A. Rosen, M.D.
Program Directors



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This is to certify that Anne Lawrence, MD
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Steve Taravella

Steve Taravella
Symposium Coordinator





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This is to certify that Anne A. Lawrence, MD
is eligible for 6.75 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Assn.

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: _____



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CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
1993

Name: Mark Lawrence, M.D.

Below is the number of hours of Category II CME credits you have earned through attendance at the Anesthesia Department conferences. The credits are given on an hour for hour basis.

TOTAL HOURS CME CREDIT - CATEGORY II 16

List of Conferences

<u>M & M Conferences & Case</u>	<u>Educational & Technical Meetings</u>
<u>Discussions</u>	
<u>✓ Jan 7</u>	<u>✓ Jan 21</u>
<u>✓ Jan. 28</u>	<u>✓ Feb. 18</u>
<u>✓ Feb 25</u>	<u>✓ Mar. 4</u>
<u>✓ Mar. 25</u>	<u>✓ Apr. 22</u>
<u>Apr. 29</u>	<u>May 20</u>
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	<u>✓ Dec. 16</u>



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CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
1994

Name: Mark Lawrence, M.D.

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TOTAL HOURS CME CREDIT - CATEGORY II 8

List of Conferences

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<u>Apr. 14</u>	<u>Apr. 21</u>
<u>May 5</u>	<u>✓ May 19</u>
<u>✓ June 16</u>	<u>✓ June 2</u>
<u>✓ Sep. 1</u>	<u>✓ Jul. 28</u>
<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct. 20</u>
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1994

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TOTAL HOURS CME CREDIT - CATEGORY II 1

List of Conferences

M & M Conferences & Case Discussions

✓ Nov.3

Please add this one to your other CME credits for 1994 and excuse the oversight.

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CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
1995

Name: Anne Lawrence, M.D.

Below is the number of hours of Category II CME credits you have earned through attendance at the Anesthesia Department conferences. The credits are given on an hour for hour basis.

TOTAL HOURS CME CREDIT - CATEGORY II 14

List of Conferences

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1996 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Name: Anne Lawrence, M.D.

Below is the number of hours of Category II CME credits you have earned through attendance at the Anesthesia Department conferences. The credits are given on an hour for hour basis.

TOTAL HOURS CME CREDIT - CATEGORY II 11

M & M Conferences & Case
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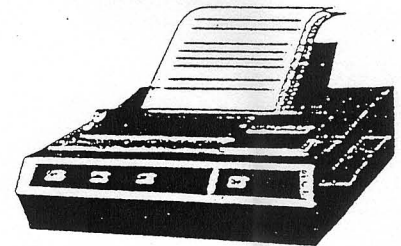
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FAX ALERT

OUR FAX # (360) 586-4573

COMMENTS



Re: Ltr. of August 8, 1997



September 9, 1997

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Dear Ms. Renz:

Re: Anne A. Lawrence, MD

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

1. Quality Improvement Report dated April 3, 1997, Re: Incident of 3/31/97
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

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NOTICE

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.

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Mike Farrell, Lead Staff Attorney	(509)458-3643
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Rosemary Irvin	664-4698

Casandra Batdorf, Paralegal	753-5613
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CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

**PREPARED FOR THE
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

Case # 97-05-0042MD

RESPONDENT: Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.

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Investigator: Virginia R. Renz

APPROVED BY:

James H. Smit

DATE: 9/16/97

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

APPENDIX B

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Swedish Medical Center/First Hill
747 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122-4307
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APPENDIX C

CONTACT LIST

Lee Norman, M.D.	Bruce W. Hilyer, Attorney
Medical Director	1420 Fifth Ave. Suite 3510
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Director, Medical Staff Services	206-689-5616
206-386-2780	

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)

The Respondent was contacted with a letter of cooperation. (Page 25-26) She and the attorney submitted letters of explanation. (Page 29-32) (Page 27-28) The Respondent submitted a curriculum vitae (Page 33-35) and CMEs (Page 36-45).

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APPENDIX E

EVIDENCE

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001-002	Adverse action report, Swedish Health Services.
003	DOH letter of acknowledgment to Swedish Health Services.
004-005	Letter of request to Swedish Medical Center Hospital.
006	Fax cover letter dated 9/2/97.
007	Letter dated 9/9/97 from Swedish Medical Center.
008	DOH letter of notification to Respondent, A. Lawrence.
009-011	Faxed letter and notice of appearance dated 5/30/97, from K. Barron.
012-013	1991 picture of Mark A. Lawrence, M.D. and 1996 picture of Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.
014-017	Courtesy copy of letter and notice of appearance from Respondent's attorney.
018-020	Hard copy of 5/30/97 letter and notice of appearance from Respondent's attorney, K. Barron.
021-023	Courtesy copy of 5/30/97 letter and notice of appearance from Respondent's attorney.
024	Letter from Bruce Hilyer re: no longer Respondent's attorney.
025-026	Letter of cooperation to Respondent.
027-028	Letter from attorney Barron on behalf of the Respondent.
029-032	Statement from Respondent.

Case # 97-05-0042MD/Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.



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December 2, 1997

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900 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98164

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

Dear Ms. Barron:

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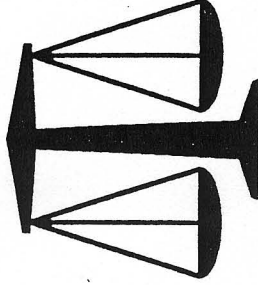
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 664-0244.

Respectfully,

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Marvella Jansen, Program Manager
Medical Quality Assurance Commission

Health Professions Section 5
Transmittal Sheet From Legal Unit



TO: Program		RCM: Paxton	MC: Heye
CASE NUMBER: 97-05-0042 MD		DATE LEGAL FORWARDED: 11-19-97	
RESPONDENT LAST NAME: Lawrence		FIRST: Anne	MIDDLE INITIAL: A.
PRIORITY:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-HIGH	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-MEDIUM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-LOW
STAFF ATTORNEY: Farrell			
REASON FOR FORWARDING:		<input type="checkbox"/> SEND LEGAL REVIEW TO RCM/RBM	
		<input type="checkbox"/> FURTHER INVESTIGATION	
CASE COMPLETION:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSED, NO CAUSE FOR ACTION		<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED, NO JURISDICTION/BELOW THRESHOLD	
<input type="checkbox"/> STD ACCEPTED		<input type="checkbox"/> RSA ACCEPTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> LICENSE APPLICATION GRANTED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSION ORDER ISSUED	
		<input type="checkbox"/> DEFAULT ORDER	

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Respondent: Lawrence, Ar. A.
Case #: 97-05-0042 MJ
IRP Presenter: Smith

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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To RCM <u>Paxton</u>	_____ Legal Review
_____ Close "below threshold"	

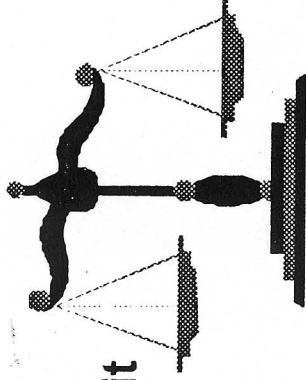
_____ Further investigation concerning _____

_____ Practice review with emphasis on _____

_____ Other _____

Special Instructions: _____

Health Professions Section 5 Transmittal Sheet To Legal Unit



FROM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRP	<input type="checkbox"/> CASE STAFFING	<input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM	RCM: PAXTON	MC: HEYE
CASE NUMBER: 97-05-0042 MD	DATE LEGAL RECEIVED: 10-1-97		DATE ASSIGNED: 10-9-97	
RESPONDENT LAST NAME: LAWRENCE	FIRST: ANNE	MIDDLE INITIAL: A.	CODE (UDA): 24	
PRIORITY:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-HIGH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-MEDIUM	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-LOW	
STAFF ATTORNEY ASSIGNED: FARRELL				
REQUESTED ACTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEGAL REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> ADD TO OTHER CASES	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPERT REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> STD ORDERED
<input type="checkbox"/> CHARGES ORDERED		<input type="checkbox"/> RSA ORDERED		



Lauren, Kenneth B
* Family Practice

Linda



Lournen, Edwin L
* Orthopaedic Surgery

Judy



Lauter, David M
* General Surgery
* Vascular Surgery



Lautman, Kirby J
* Otolaryngology

Kerry Jane



Lavallee, John N*
* Psychiatry

Theresa



LaVallie, Donna L
* Family Practice
* Sports Medicine



Lavell, Louis William

Dorothy



Law, Therese
* Internal Medicine



Lawler, Michael M
* Obstetrics & Gynecology

Janet



Lawrence, Christopher A
* Neurology

Mary



Lawrence, Anne A
* Anesthesiology

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Laws, E Harold*
Retired
* Internal Medicine

Marilou



Lawson, Barry Michael
* Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
* Pediatrics

Jacqueline



Lawson, W Maurice*
Retired
* Family Practice

Carol



Layman, James D Jr*
Retired
Internal Medicine

Lee



Layton, E Gerald*
Retired
Gynecology

Nancy



Layton, Richard H
* Family Practice

Marilyn



Lazerte, Gordon D*
* Pathology, Anatomic/Clinical
* Nuclear Medicine
UW Div Hosp Pathology

Elizabeth



Leaf, Frederick A
* Dermatology
Special Interest In
Skin Cancer



Leake, Wilson Walker*
Anesthesiology

Jewel



Leary, James Patrick*
Retired
Family Practice



Lebenzon, Albert B*
Ophthalmology



Lechner, David J
* Ophthalmology

Nancy



LeDoux, Edward J
* Internal Medicine
* Pulmonary Disease
Critical Care Medicine

Elizabeth



Langmyhr, George J
Inactive
Family Practice
Addiction Medicine

Polly



Larson, Larry W
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Nancy L Fisher



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Otolaryngology

Kerry Jane



Lantz, Dan M
* Dermatology
* Dermatopathology

Elizabeth



Larson, Roger Keith
* Family Practice



Lavallee, John N*
* Psychiatry

Theresa



Lanza, Roque A
* Obstetrics & Gynecology
* Infertility

Janet



Larson, Timothy L
* Radiology, Diagnostic
* Radiology

Melinda



Lavitt, David S
* Anesthesiology

Susan



Laramore, George E
* Radiology, Therapeutic
UW Rad Oncology RC-08

Shelley



LaSalle, Gerard V
* Emergency Medicine

Antoinette



Law, Therese
* Internal Medicine



Larrabee, Wayne F Jr
* Otolaryngology
Practice Limited To
Facial Plastic Surgery

Suzette



Lasersohn, Jack Thomas
* Pathology, Anatomic/Clinical

Joan



Lawler, Michael M
* Obstetrics & Gynecology
* Infertility

Janet



Larsen, Jeanne M
Pediatrics

Federal Way 98003



Lau, Michael P H
* Gynecology
* Infertility

Joyce



Lawrence, Christopher
* Neurology

Mary



Larson, Charles Harold
Family Practice

Charlotte



Lauren, Kenneth B
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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

APPENDIX H

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CASES

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?
09-02-97	1515, T/C from L. Norman office. Can't find letter. Faxed letter of 8/8 to them.	
09-12-97	Data received from Swedish Hospital.	
09-15-97	File submitted for Program Management review.	

APPENDIX G

ACTIVITY REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
05-16-97	Complaint intake.
05-20-97	Complaint reviewed. To case staffing G. Heye, M.D.
05-20-97	DOH letters to Hospital and Respondent.
05-21-97	File assigned, V. Renz.
05-22-97	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.
05-29-97	1440, Msg that Bruce Hilyer called. Attorney for Ann Lawrence.
05-30-97	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.
05-30-97	Faxed letter and notice of appearance, K. Barron.
06-03-97	Hard copy of letter dated 5/30/97 and notice of appearance from attorney Barron.
06-04-97	Courtesy copy of letter and notice of appearance rec'd.
06-05-97	T/C from Bruce Hilyer. Asked him to fax me a letter that he no longer represent Lawrence
06-09-97	Letter from Bruce Hilyer re: no longer attorney for Respondent.
07-01-97	1355, Msg. that Katherine Barron called about A. Lawrence. Call her

Case # 97-05-0042MD/Anne A. Lawrence, M.D.

033-035 Respondent's curriculum vitae.

036-045 Respondent's CMEs.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit

Description

A Q.A. reports, Respondent's statement and resignation.

APPENDIX F

POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1300 SE Quince St • P.O. Box 47866 • Olympia, WA 98504-7866

November 20, 1997

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1229 Madison St. Suite 1440
Seattle, WA 98104

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Medical Quality Assurance Commission



Respondent: Anr. A. Lawrence, M.D.
Case #: 97-05-0042 MD
RCM: Janice Paxton, PA-C

Medical Quality Assurance Commission Case Assignment Transmittal

Date: 11/6/97

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:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Close "no cause for action". | <input type="checkbox"/> Close with letter of concern. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close "no jurisdiction". | <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Stipulation to Informal Disposition. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer non-reportable RSA | <input type="checkbox"/> Offer reportable RSA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summary Suspension | <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Charges _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interim order for evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> Expert review by _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal review | <input type="checkbox"/> RCM Re-assignment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Further investigation concerning _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practice review with emphasis on _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Special Instructions: _____

TARUTIS & BARRON, P.S.

GERALD R. TARUTIS
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December 1, 1997

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

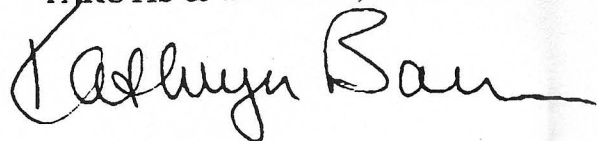
Dear Ms. Jansen:

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,

TARUTIS & BARRON, P.S.



Kathryn R. Barron
Attorney at Law

cc: Anne Lawrence, M.D.

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December 1, 1997

FACSIMILE INFORMATION SHEET

1. OPERATION INFORMATION: **SENT**

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:

For Office Use Only:

Case Name: **LAWRENCE AD LAW**
NO: **97-08-151**