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Sidney M. Wolfe, M.D., Director
Michael A. Carome, M.D., Deputy Director
Public Citizen
1600 20th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Constance Crisp, M.D.
Anne Trussell, M.D.

Dear Drs. Wolfe and Carome:

The Arkansas State Medical Board again addressed the complaint you registered against the above-referenced physicians at their December 6-7, 2012 meeting.

The Board has the authority and can only take action against a physician's license if the medical care rendered by the physician rises to the level of gross negligence or ignorant malpractice as defined: "It is carelessness or recklessness to a degree that shows utter indifference to the consequences that may result."

After discussion with the physicians and further careful review of your complaint, the Board determined there was not probable cause to bring charges against them; for the Board did not believe it could meet its statutory requirement of proving gross negligence.

Your complaint will be retained in the physicians' files and unless new information is received, this case is considered closed.

Sincerely,

Peggy Pryor Cryer
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