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AR State Medical Board

1401 West Capitol, Suite 340
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Dear AR State Medical Board,

I have reviewed the documentation sent to me by the Arkansas State Medical Board, regarding the charges brought against Dr. James Merlin Hawk. I have reviewed 5 separate patient charts.

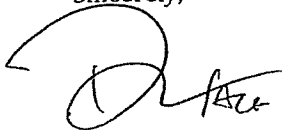
In my professional opinion, Dr. Hawk has violated A.C.A. 17-95-409(a)(2)(p), specifically Regulation 2.4, by prescribing an excessive amount of controlled substances. I also feel that he has violated Regulation 2.6, by prescribing Schedule medication for pain not associated with malignancy or terminal illness for more than 6 months, and without keeping proper records and monitoring the condition of his patients to justify the ongoing prescribing of said medication.

For the 5 patient charts reviewed, (including SG, KF, JB, JG, and DM), I feel that he prescribed an excessive amount of controlled medications, and he also failed to keep proper records for monitoring the condition of the patient. This is a violation of Regulations 2.4 and 2.6.

In my professional opinion, there are irregularities which rise above the standard for malpractice. I feel that Dr. James Hawk has displayed behavior and treatment which meets the criteria for "Grossly Negligent".

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Pace", with a large, stylized initial "D" that loops around the first part of the name.

Daniel Pace, MD

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