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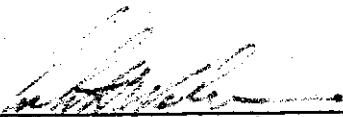
Administrative Bulletin Transmittal Memorandum No. 22

December 1, 1982

SUBJECT: Administrative Bulletin 4:05  
Reporting of Professional Incompetency

This Administrative Bulletin establishes responsibility for reporting professional incompetency on the part of medical staff members to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners.

Administrative Bulletin 78-1, dated January 12, 1978 is hereby rescinded.

  
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ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN 4:05

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Professional Incompetency  
Applicability: H,C

The following contents of a memorandum, directed by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners to hospital governing boards on January 13, 1975 regarding the reporting of professional incompetency, is being issued as the statements continue to be current and valid.

"The State Board of Medical Examiners has expressed considerable concern regarding the quality of medical care provided by incompetent and unprofessional practitioners of medicine, who fortunately represent a very small fraction of the total number licensed to practice in this state.

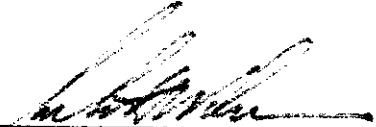
According to the Medical Practice Act "the Board may suspend or revoke a license to practice medicine and surgery upon proof to the satisfaction of the Board that the holder of such license has been determined to be physically or mentally incapacitated" (45:9-16D).

It is a goal of the Board to protect the public from all gross professional incompetency and unethical practice.

Since hospital governing boards are ultimately responsible for quality patient care, and the professional conduct of the medical staff, it is the opinion of the Board that governing bodies have a moral obligation to report every expulsion or suspension of a member of the medical staff or restriction of his professional privileges based on proven incompetency, gross neglect, or demonstrable deviant behavior to the State Board of Medical Examiners.

It is not the intent of the Medical Board to interfere in the direct supervision and practice of medicine, but the Board does request your support in its endeavor to restrict and eliminate the incompetent from the ranks of the profession and thus protect the public."

The "governing bodies", in respect to this memorandum, shall be interpreted to mean the Chief Executive Officers who will be responsible for reporting to the Director of the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals and to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners all instances of professional incompetency, gross neglect or demonstrable deviant behavior on the part of hospital medical staff.



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