BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: MELISSA TALIAFERRO, M.D.

ORDER

On this 2nd day of December, 2010, comes on for hearing the matter of Melissa Taliaferro, M.D. The Arkansas State Medical Board appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. Melissa Taliaferro, M.D., appeared together with her attorney, Ralph Cloar. From the evidence and medical reviews and agreement of the parties, the Board finds that:

I.

Melissa Taliaferro, M.D., is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas pursuant to the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.

II.

The Board has received information that Melissa Taliaferro, MD, at a previous time had administered DMSO intravenously in her practice to various patients. The Board has also received medical reviews concerning this type of treatment, and there is an issue before the Board concerning the appropriateness of the treatment.

III.

Pursuant to A.C.A.§25-15-208(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, Melissa Taliaferro, MD, makes the following offer to the Board to resolve the issues pending before the Board, as follows:

a. The Arkansas State Medical Board will not bring disciplinary charges against Melissa Taliaferro, MD, for the administering of DMSO intravenously to her patients.

b. Melissa Taliaferro, MD, will cease and desist from administering DMSO intravenously to her patients and will refrain from doing so until the Food and Drug Administration or other proper federal authority or the Arkansas State Medical Board authorizes and approves said procedure.
c. Melissa Taliaferro, MD, agrees to refrain from administering DMSO intravenously to her patients until such time as she appears before the Board and presents such authority from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other property authority to the Arkansas State Medical Board for its approval.

IV.

Pursuant to A.C.A. §25-15-208(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Arkansas State Medical Board finds that the health and safety of the citizens of Arkansas is protected under the terms of this Agreement and the Board adopts the same.

WHEREFORE, IT IS CONSIDERED, ORDERED, AND ADJUDGED that the agreement of the parties stated in Paragraph II above is fair and equitable, protects the health and safety of the citizens of Arkansas, and the rights of Melissa Taliaferro, M.D. The Board adopts said agreement as the Board’s own Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Trent F. Pierce, M.D., Chairman

Date

Approved:

William H. Trice, III
Attorney for the Arkansas State Medical Board

Ralph M. Clear, Jr.
Attorney for Melissa Taliaferro, MD

Melissa Taliaferro, MD