

**IN THE MATTER**

**COMMISSIONER'S  
SUMMARY  
ORDER**

**OF**

**RENATA MARIA HANZLIK, M.D. AKA NELA NELIP  
CO-01-05-2249-A**

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**TO:** RENATA MARIA HANZLIK, M.D. AKA NELA NELIP  
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Payson, AZ 85541

RENATA MARIA HANZLIK, M.D. AKA NELA NELIP  
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The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr. P.H., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction (The Board of Medical Examiners in the State of Arizona) has made a finding substantially equivalent to a finding that the continued practice of medicine by Renata Maria Hanzlik, M.D. AKA Nela Nelip, (the Respondent) in that jurisdiction constitutes an imminent danger to the health of its people, as is more fully set forth in documents of The Board of Medical Examiners in the State of Arizona, that are attached hereto as Appendix "A" and made a part of hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Renata Maria Hanzlik, M.D. AKA Nela Nelip, Respondent, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is dependent on a valid New York State license to practice medicine.

Any practice of medicine in the State of New York in violation of this Commissioner's Summary Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530 and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within thirty days after the final conclusion of the disciplinary proceeding in the State of Arizona. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of NY. Pub. Health Law §230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Summary Hearing, together with a Statement of Charges to be provided to the Respondent after the final conclusion of the Illinois proceeding. Said written Notice may be provided in person, by mail, or by other means. If Respondent wishes to be provided said written notice at an address other than that set forth above, Respondent shall so notify, in writing, both the attorney whose name is set forth on this Order, and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, at the addresses set forth below.

Respondent shall notify the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299 via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, of the final conclusion of the Arizona proceeding immediately upon such conclusion.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU MAY BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-A. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY FOR THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York

*August 16*, 2001

  
ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D. M.P.H., Dr. P.H.  
Commissioner

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of  
**RENATA MARIA HANZLIK, M.D.**  
Holder of License No. **26941**  
For the Practice of Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**CASE NO. MD-01-0001**  
**Investigation No. 14268**  
**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER  
FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF  
LICENSE**

**INTRODUCTION**

The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") on March 22, 2001; and after reviewing relevant information and deliberating, the Board voted to consider summary suspension proceedings. The Board considered summary suspension and following the review of information obtained, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451 and A.R.S. § 32-1452, and having considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary Suspension of License, pending formal hearings or other Board action.

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401 et seq.
2. Renata Maria Hanzlik, M.D. is the holder of License No. 26941, for the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona.

1       3. In December of 2000, Dr. Hanzlik was arrested by officers of the Department of  
2 Public Safety ("DPS") for suspicion of driving under the influence. At the time of her arrest,  
3 prescription-only medications were found in her vehicle in the name of Nela Nelip. Dr.  
4 Hanzlik admitted to the officers that she was in fact Nela Nelip, and that she had taken  
5 some of the medication.

6       4. Dr. Hanzlik was taken to the emergency room at Payson Regional Medical Center  
7 for suspected narcotic overdose.

8       5. A survey of pharmacies in the Payson area indicates that Dr. Hanzlik has written  
9 controlled substance medication prescriptions for patients residing at her home address  
10 and picked them up herself.

11       6. The investigation also revealed that Dr. Hanzlik has moved her office and changed  
12 her telephone number without notifying the Board.

13       7. The investigation has also revealed that Dr. Hanzlik has failed to renew her medical  
14 license with the Board, and that notices to her have been returned as undeliverable.

15       8. On January 18, 2001, Dr. Hanzlik failed to appear for an investigational interview, to  
16 which she had been subpoenaed by the Board.

17       9. On January 25, 2001, Dr. Hanzlik was interviewed in the Phoenix Office of the  
18 United States DEA, where she admitted to overdosing on amitriptyline and prozac, and  
19 voluntarily surrendered her DEA Certificate.

20       10. At the same interview with the DEA, Dr. Hanzlik was presented with an Interim  
21 Order of the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ordering her to undergo an inpatient  
22 evaluation for substance abuse within twenty-one (21) days. Dr. Hanzlik failed to comply  
23 with the Board's Interim Order and did not obtain the ordered inpatient evaluation.

24       11. On February 22, 2001, Dr. Hanzlik was arrested a second time by the Arizona DPS  
25 for suspicion of driving while under the influence.

1 12. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action  
2 pending proceedings for the revocation of the license of Dr. Hanzlik.

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4 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Renata  
6 Maria Hanzlik, M.D., holder of License No. 26941, for the practice of allopathic medicine in  
7 the State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401.

8 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct  
9 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(f) (Habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol or  
10 habitual substance abuse).

11 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct  
12 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(j) (Prescribing, dispensing or administering any  
13 controlled substance or prescription-only drug for other than therapeutic purposes).

14 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct  
15 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(r) (Violating a formal order, probation, consent  
16 agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under  
17 the provisions of this chapter).

18 5. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct  
19 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(dd) (Failing to furnish information in a timely manner to  
20 the board or its investigators or representatives if legally requested by the board).

21 6. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(D), and based on the foregoing Interim Findings of  
22 Fact and Conclusions of Law, the public safety imperatively requires emergency action.

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1 **ORDER**

2 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth  
3 above,

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

5 1. Renata Maria Hanzlik, M.D.'s license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of  
6 Arizona, License No. 26941, is summarily suspended pending a formal hearing before a  
7 hearing officer before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

8 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice to Dr.  
9 Hanzlik of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against her. Dr.  
10 Hanzlik is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges within sixty (60) days of the  
11 effective date of this order.

12 3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office of  
13 Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced no  
14 later than sixty (60) days from the date of the issuance of this order, unless stipulated and  
15 agreed otherwise by Dr. Hanzlik.

16 DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.



BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

20 By: Claudia Foutz  
21 CLAUDIA FOUTZ  
22 Executive Director  
TOM ADAMS  
Deputy Director

23 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
24 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001, with:

25 The Arizona Board of Medical Examiners  
9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

1 Executed Copy of the foregoing mailed  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2001, to:

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3 Office of Administrative Hearings  
1400 West Washington St. - Ste. 101  
4 Phoenix, AZ 85007

5 Executed copy of the foregoing mailed by Certified  
Mail this 30<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2001, to:

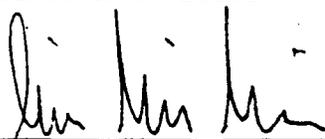
6 Renata Maria Hanzlik, M.D.  
7 1106 North Beeline Hwy.  
8 Payson, AZ 85541

9 Executed copy of the foregoing delivered via  
interoffice mail this 30<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2001, with:

10 Elizabeth Burns, Esq.  
11 Assistant Attorney General  
Arizona Attorney General Office  
12 1275 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

13 Executed copy of the foregoing hand-delivered  
14 this 30<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2001, to:

15 Richard Albrecht, Esq.  
16 Assistant Attorney General  
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18 Counsel to the Board

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