

(1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AFTER PERFORMING ANY NECESSARY PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGATION OF GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER ACTION, THE BOARD MAY:

(I) REFER THE ALLEGATION FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO THE FACULTY; OR

(II) TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE AND IMMEDIATE ACTION AS NECESSARY.

~~(2) -- THE -- ACTIONS -- AUTHORIZED -- IN -- PARAGRAPH -- (1) -- OF -- THIS SUBSECTION -- SHALL -- BE -- TAKEN -- BY -- THE -- BOARD -- WITHIN -- 30 -- DAYS -- AFTER -- THE PRELIMINARY -- INVESTIGATION -- IS -- COMPLETED.~~

~~(2)~~ (3) (2) (I) AFTER PERFORMING ANY NECESSARY PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGATION OF GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER ACTION, THE BOARD SHALL REFER ANY ALLEGATION INVOLVING STANDARDS OF MEDICAL CARE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, AND ANY ALLEGATION BASED ON § 14-504(A)(19) TO THE FACULTY FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND PHYSICIAN PEER REVIEW WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE INVOLVED MEDICAL SPECIALTY OR SPECIALTIES.

(II) THE FACULTY MAY REFER THE ALLEGATION FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE:

1. COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY; OR
2. COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY.

(c) (1) The Faculty, all committees of the Faculty, except the physician rehabilitation committee, and all county medical societies shall refer to the [Commission] BOARD all complaints that set forth allegations of grounds for disciplinary action under § 14-504 of this subtitle.

(2) If the Faculty determines that 3 or more malpractice claims have been filed against an individual licensed physician under § 3-2A-04(a) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article within a 5-year period, the Faculty shall submit the name of the individual licensed physician to the [Commission] BOARD and, subject to the approval of the [Commission] BOARD, shall refer the claims to the Faculty's appropriate committee for investigation and report to the [Commission] BOARD as if the [Commission] BOARD had referred the claims to the committee of the Faculty.

(d) (1) (i) Unless the [Commission] BOARD grants an extension, the medical society or Faculty committee shall report to the [Commission] BOARD on its investigation within 90 days after the referral.