



4. Patient "B" was seen and treated by Dr. Doolittle from September, 1991 until June, 1992. Patient "B" stated that Dr. Doolittle touched her inappropriately, kissed her, remained in the examination room while she undressed, discussed his personal life with her and called her at home. Patient "B" felt that Dr. Doolittle manipulated her feelings so that she became totally dependent upon him for emotional support.

5. Dr. Doolittle acknowledged hugging, kissing on the cheek and touching Patient "A" but he stated that these acts were meant to be gestures of reassurance. He did admit telling Patient "A" that he "liked her a lot." Dr. Doolittle denied all allegations of Patient "B", whom he discharged from his practice, and stated that he maintained an appropriate physician/patient relationship with Patient "B" at all times. He denied any romantic interest in either patient.

#### AGREEMENT

In lieu of proceeding to an adjudicatory hearing, Dr. Doolittle, the Board and the Department of Attorney General agreed to the following:

1. Dr. Doolittle's behavior crossed the boundaries which should exist between physician and patient and violates a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice of medicine.
2. Dr. Doolittle agrees to accept a WARNING from the Board.
3. Dr. Doolittle agrees to have a chaperone present for all examinations of female patients.
4. Dr. Doolittle agrees to continue to educate himself about boundary

issues involved in the doctor-patient relationship. Dr. Doolittle will include such matters as part of his CME credits for five years.

5. Dr. Doolittle will notify his patients and the hospitals with whom he is affiliated of the terms of this agreement as required by 32 M.R.S.A. §3282-A.

6. Dr. Doolittle waives his right to a hearing before the Board or any Court regarding all findings, terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement.


7. Dr. Doolittle has been represented by Kenneth Lehman, Esq., who has participated in the negotiation of the terms of this Agreement.

I, THOMAS DOOLITTLE, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE.

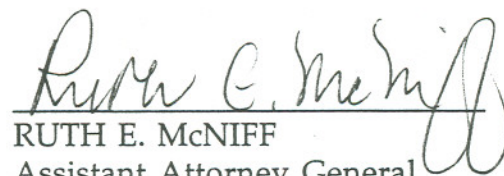
Dated: 8-10-98

  
THOMAS DOOLITTLE, M.D.

Dated: 9-8-98

  
EDWARD DAVID, Chairman  
Board of Licensure in Medicine

Dated: 9/8/98

  
RUTH E. McNIFF  
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