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Washington Medical Commission
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Dear Executive Director,

We are contacting you to alert you to concerns raised regarding Dr. Ryan Cole, a board-certified pathologist, practicing in Idaho, but holding a medical license in your state. We have received multiple complaints about Dr. Cole and have been alerted to social media content relating to those complaints. The complaints accuse Dr. Cole of promulgating disinformation, advising against vaccines and masks, and giving advice that promotes the transmission of COVID-19. He purportedly has made statements that vaccines are “fake”, that they lead to cancer and autoimmune diseases, a “clot shot”, “needle rape”, and a “human experiment”, even though the Pfizer vaccine has been fully FDA-approved after rigorous safety and efficacy trials. He has advised patients to take hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin without scientific data to support their use in the treatment of patients with COVID-19. We also received an allegation that Dr. Cole may have provided prescriptions to patients in the absence of a physician-patient relationship and without sufficient medical record keeping. You can view some examples of Dr. Cole’s public statements on these subjects at these sites.

<https://www.facebook.com/idahofreedom/videos/212746730593293>

<https://americasfrontlinedoctors.org/videos/summit-sessions-the-science-ryan-cole-md-covid-19-vaccines-autopsy/>

We agree with the Federation of State Medical Board’s statement on the risks of COVID-19 disinformation. (<https://www.fsmb.org/advocacy/news-releases/fsmb-spreading-covid-19-vaccine-misinformation-may-put-medical-license-at-risk/>). We also bring to your attention this Washington Post opinion from physicians: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/09/21/state-medical-boards-should-punish-doctors-who-spread-false-information-about-covid-vaccines/>.

Patients must be able to trust physicians with their lives and health. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and safety of patients.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Johnson, MD and the Trustees of the American Board of Pathology