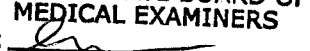


1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
2 **OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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6 **In the Matter of an Investigation of** )  
7 **EMMANUEL GALANG ACOSTA, M.D. ,** )  
8 **License No. 10462** )  
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11 **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

12 Prior to the preparation of this Order of Summary Suspension,  
13 Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) staff presented evidence and information to an  
14 Investigative Committee of the Board, composed of Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman,  
15 Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member, regarding  
16 Emmanuel Galang Acosta, M.D. (Dr. Acosta). Upon review of the evidence and information  
17 presented by Board staff, the Investigative Committee hereby **IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS**  
18 Dr. Acosta's license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada pursuant to  
19 Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 630.326(1), based upon the following preliminary findings:

20 1. Dr. Acosta is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Nevada and  
21 was originally licensed on April 21, 2003. Dr. Acosta practices medicine in the Las Vegas area  
22 and lists his specialties with the Board as physical medicine/rehab and pain management.

23 2. On or about July 19, 2012, Dr. Acosta's license to practice medicine in the  
24 state of Kentucky was suspended by emergency order of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
25 (Order). The Order found that there was probable cause to believe that Dr. Acosta's practice of  
26 medicine in Kentucky constituted a danger to the health, welfare and safety of his patients or to the  
27 general public.

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1           3.       The basis for the Order was the finding of probable cause as to reports that  
2 Dr. Acosta was facilitating a “pill mill” operation; that one of Dr. Acosta’s patients recently died  
3 of an overdose; and that three other licensees who practiced in the same clinic had previously been  
4 investigated and disciplined by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

5           4.       A Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure consultant subsequently reviewed  
6 twenty-three (23) patient charts of Dr. Acosta. This consultant found that Dr. Acosta departed  
7 from the acceptable and prevailing medical practices in the area of diagnosis, treatment and record  
8 keeping of patient care. He further found that Dr. Acosta prescribed controlled substances when  
9 Dr. Acosta knew, or should have known, that the controlled substances were to be used for  
10 non-medicinal or non-therapeutic reasons; that Dr. Acosta overprescribed controlled substances  
11 under acceptable and prevailing medical practice standards; and that Dr. Acosta engaged in a  
12 pattern of acts in the course of his medical practice exhibiting gross negligence and/or  
13 gross incompetence.

14           5.       The consultant further found that Dr. Acosta’s continued practice of medicine in  
15 Kentucky presented an imminent danger to patients and the public.

16           6.       As to Dr. Acosta’s practice of medicine in Nevada, he currently lists with the Board  
17 two (2) places of business in Las Vegas and to date continues to practice medicine in the  
18 state of Nevada.

19           As a result of the foregoing, the Investigative Committee reasonably determines and  
20 believes that due to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure’s Emergency Order of Suspension  
21 of Dr. Acosta’s license to practice medicine in that state, and Dr. Acosta’s current unrestricted  
22 license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada, along with his practice of medicine in Nevada  
23 being in the same specialty and field that led to the Kentucky Order, the health, safety and welfare  
24 of the public is at imminent risk of harm and that a summary suspension of Dr. Acosta’s license to  
25 practice medicine is necessary to remove said risk of imminent harm to the health, safety and  
26 welfare of the public.

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Accordingly, pursuant to NRS 630.326(1):

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada of Emmanuel Galang Acosta, M.D. (License No. 10462) is **HEREBY SUSPENDED** until further order of the Investigative Committee or Board; and,

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing be set within forty-five (45) days of this Order, pursuant to NRS 630.326(2), to determine whether this suspension may continue, unless the parties mutually agree to a different or divergent time frame.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: *Theodore B. Berndt*  
Theodore B. Berndt, M.D.  
Chairman