



Avoiding Board Complaints

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The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) enforces Chapters 629 and 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), collectively known as the Nevada Medical Practice Act (NMPA).¹ The Board is required to investigate all complaints received from multiple sources regarding allopathic physicians, allopathic physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, anesthesiologist assistants, and perfusionists (collectively, “licensees”). The complaint process may be frustrating for many licensees, especially when some complaints could be avoided, or, after investigation, are found to have little to no merit.

This article will discuss the most common types of complaints the Board receives, the sources of those complaints, what to expect if an investigation is opened, and most importantly, recommendations on how to avoid complaints. Hopefully, by providing a better understanding of the complaint process, licensees will be better able to avoid receiving complaints as well as understanding how to best respond to the Board during an investigation.

The overwhelming majority of the Board’s licensees are excellent clinicians who carefully adhere to the Hippocratic Oath. However, despite receiving great care, some patients still file complaints with the Board out of frustration or a lack of understanding of risks and outcomes associated with their medical care.

The most common types of complaints:

- Patient care.
- Failure to provide medical records.
- Failure to maintain proper medical records.
- Prescribing of controlled substances.
- Patient abandonment.
- Demeanor or disruptive behavior.
- Sexual misconduct.
- Practicing outside of one’s scope/specialty.
- Aiding in the unlicensed practice of medicine.
- False advertising.
- Impairment.
- Failure to timely sign a death certificate.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners protects the public and serves the State of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, perfusionists and anesthesiologist assistants receive licenses to practice in Nevada. The Board responds with expediency to complaints against our licensees by conducting fair, complete investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board shall place the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession and encourage public input and involvement to help educate the public as we improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada.

The most common sources of complaints:

- Patients or family members of patients.
- Healthcare providers.
- Referrals from law enforcement agencies.
- Referrals from other licensing/regulatory boards.
- Hospitals.
- Insurance companies.
- Funeral homes.
- Self-reports from the licensee, as required by the NMPA.

The Board's Investigations Division reviews all complaints for jurisdiction to ensure the person named in the complaint is a licensee of the Board and, if the allegations in the complaint are true, those allegations would violate the NMPA. In certain instances where a complaint falls within the Board's jurisdiction, the Investigations Division may contact the licensee and attempt to resolve those complaints without opening a formal investigation, e.g., failing to provide requested medical records or failing to timely sign a death certificate.

When an investigation is opened, an investigation number is assigned and a Board investigator will send the licensee(s) an allegation letter requesting a response to the allegations contained in the complaint and a Board Order to produce health care records, if applicable. If you receive an allegation letter, please understand that the Board is required to send this letter as a part of its investigation of the complaint. Responding to this letter is your opportunity to explain the situation to the Investigative Committee (IC) that will be assigned to review the complaint and investigation. It is important that you respond to the allegation letter because, regardless of the truth of the allegations contained in the complaint itself, failure to respond to an allegation letter or produce health care records when requested by the Board may result in disciplinary action. See [NRS 630.3065\(2\)\(a\)](#). Therefore, stern language in the allegation letter is required to prompt the necessary action.

It is important to respond to an allegation letter timely and thoroughly to ensure the IC members reviewing the complaint and investigation have as much information as possible to assist in their decision-making process. Complaints and investigations are reviewed four times a year by three ICs comprised of two physicians and one public member. Final resolution of the matter often occurs after a multi-step process which involves the IC reviewing information obtained by the Board investigator, a report drafted by an in-house medical doctor who completes a medical review, and, when requested by the IC, a specialty specific "peer review." Licensees are encouraged to contact the assigned investigator if there are any questions regarding the allegation letter, subsequent requests for information from the IC, or the overall investigative process.

Complaint themes have not substantially changed in decades, and this article will touch on some of the most common types of complaints, in order to give some insight into the main work of the ICs, leading eventually to a decision by the Board. In addition, recommendations regarding how to avoid complaints will be provided for each complaint type.

Patient Care: This is the most common complaint the Board receives and investigates. Many patient care investigations involve the use of outside peer reviewers who opine whether or not the licensee met the standard of care. During these investigations there are often other violations discovered in the investigation, such as inaccurate medical records, patient consent issues, minimal to no follow-up care, improper billing, and patient abandonment. Some patient care complaints may not have anything to do with the actual treatment a patient received but more to do with the interaction between the licensee and the patient. Many patient care complaints allege that the patient felt rushed during a visit, the patient's questions were not answered, the patient did not understand the risks associated with a medical procedure or prescribed medication, or the patient's repeated calls to the healthcare

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provider were ignored. Sometimes these complaints may be minimized if the licensee ensures that all important communications with patients are fully documented and that the licensee uses effective communication techniques with his or her patients. Improving communication with patients will hopefully alleviate any misunderstanding patients may have and ensure that the patients have a better understanding of their treatment plan and care, which will result in a more positive interaction.

Failure to Provide Medical Records: This type of complaint can be avoided by providing patients with copies of their medical records within ten working days, if the records are located in Nevada, or within twenty working days if the records are located outside of Nevada, after a valid request for records is received. See [NRS 629.061\(2\)](#). Many records requests are received and processed by office staff in a timely manner. However, when records are not provided in a timely manner, the physician or physician assistant is often the one named in the complaint. Proper training of office staff will hopefully result in records being provided to patients or their legal representatives within the time allowed by Nevada law and avoid these types of complaints.

Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records: When medical records are requested in patient care investigations, it is not uncommon to find poor and incomplete medical records. Because many healthcare providers and medical facilities utilize Electronic Medical Records (EMR), the use of templated records is becoming more common. It is essential that the medical record reflects the care and licensees should ensure to properly document all treatment and care of a patient whether in written records or EMR. It is a violation of [NRS 630.3062\(1\)\(a\)](#) for a licensee to fail to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient.

Prescribing of Controlled Substances: All licensees that prescribe controlled substances must have a [Prescription Monitoring Program \(PMP\)](#) account and must familiarize themselves with the requirement to conduct self-queries every six months in order to identify any fraudulent or unauthorized use of prescribing authority. In addition, all licensees that prescribe certain controlled medications² must perform regular queries of their patients to identify pharmacy and doctor-shopping as well as other potentially dangerous activity. See [NRS 630.3062\(1\)\(h\)](#).

Patient Abandonment: When a licensee decides to terminate the medical care of a patient, the licensee must provide adequate notice and arrange for the continued care for the patient. See [NRS 630.304\(7\)](#). Although Nevada law does not define adequate notice, it is recommended that the patient receive written correspondence containing notice of the termination at least 30 days prior to the termination and that the licensee keep a copy of this notice for his or her records documenting that the notice was provided. It is also recommended that the licensee include information in the notice regarding emergency coverage for up to 30 days, including for prescription refills, if applicable, in order to allow the patient to establish himself or herself with a new health care provider. In addition, it is recommended that the licensee include information in this notice regarding how and where the patient's medical records may be obtained in order to avoid complaints regarding the patient's failure to obtain his or her medical records after the termination.

Disruptive Behavior or Demeanor: Nevada law prohibits "disruptive behavior with physicians, hospital personnel, patients, members of the families of patients or any other persons if the behavior interferes with patient care or has an adverse impact on the quality of care rendered a patient" by a licensee. See [NRS 630.301\(6\)](#). Simply put, a lack of empathy, poor bedside manner, negative body language, inappropriate remarks, profanity, or yelling is conduct that may lead to a complaint from a patient. Unfortunately, there are instances when a patient is upset, demanding, or even hostile towards licensees and staff. To mitigate these issues, it is recommended that licensees have a witness present during any negative interactions (or potential negative interactions) with patients and that all potentially negative communications with patients or their family members or surrogates are carefully documented in the patient's records.

Failure to Disclose/Self-Report: All licensees are required to report to the Board in writing within 30 days, any disciplinary action taken against them by another state, the federal government, or a foreign country. See [NRS 630.306\(1\)\(k\)](#). Licensees are also required to report in writing within 30 days, any criminal action taken or conviction obtained against them other than a minor traffic violation, in Nevada, any other state, by the Federal Government, by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or any local or federal jurisdiction or a foreign country. See [NRS 630.306\(1\)\(l\)](#). Please note that reporting a criminal action includes reporting any arrest of the licensee, even if the charges are later dropped. In addition, all licensees are required to report any action for malpractice against them not later than 45 days after the physician receives service of a summons and complaint for the action, as well as any claim against them that is submitted to arbitration or mediation, any settlement, award, judgment or other disposition of any action or claim against them, or any sanctions imposed against them that are reportable to the [National Practitioner Data Bank](#). See [NRS 630.3068\(1\)](#), [as amended in the 2023 Legislative Session](#).

Going forward in future newsletters, there will be a series of articles about the Board's complaint and investigation process that will cover other common issues that arise in these areas, such as the following:

- Failure to respond to a complaint in a timely manner.
- Misconduct.
- Inappropriate provider-patient relationships.
- Failure to follow "best practices" or "standard of care," including failure to consult when appropriate and necessary, delays in diagnosis, and missed diagnosis.
- Substance abuse issues regarding licensees, including abuse of drugs or alcohol and what a licensee should do if he or she receives a citation for driving under the influence.
- False advertising.
- Practicing outside of scope.
- Issues that arise with regard to medi-spas and medical directors.

Please look for these articles and stay informed.

¹Links to these chapters are available on the Nevada Legislature's website: [NRS Chapter 629](#); [NRS Chapter 630](#); [NAC Chapter 629](#); [NAC Chapter 630](#).

²A prescribing practitioner must, before issuing an initial prescription for a controlled substance listed in schedule II, III, or IV, or an opioid that is a controlled substance listed in schedule V, and at least once every 90 days thereafter for the duration of the course of treatment using the controlled substance, obtain a patient utilization report (Patient Report) regarding the patient from the PMP. See [NRS 639.23507](#).

BOARD NEWS

Irwin B. Simon, M.D., FACS, Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C, and Jason B. Farnsworth, RRT, MBA, Join Board of Medical Examiners

Irwin B. Simon, M.D., FACS, Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C, and Jason B. Farnsworth, RRT, MBA, were appointed by Governor Joe Lombardo to positions on the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), Dr. Simon effective September 1, 2023, and Mr. Olivarez and Mr. Farnsworth effective October 1, 2023. The Board welcomes **Dr. Simon** as a physician member, **Mr. Olivarez** as the physician assistant member, and **Mr. Farnsworth** as the practitioner of respiratory care member.

Dr. Simon is a General Surgeon and has resided in southern Nevada since 1993. He is a graduate of Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. **Dr. Simon** trained as a General Surgeon at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He then completed a fellowship in Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, also at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Dr. Simon then entered the U.S. Army, where he served as the Director of the of the U.S. Army Surgical Endoscopy Training Program. In 1993 he was invited to Las Vegas to join Dr. Thomas Armour and Dr. Don Christensen. These Las Vegas surgeon pioneers sought out **Dr. Simon** specifically because of his Fellowship training and minimally invasive approach to patients and disease processes.

As a board-certified General Surgeon, **Dr. Simon** continues to push the envelope of the latest technologies, offering minimally invasive techniques to the residents of Las Vegas and southern Nevada. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. He is the Founder and Principal of Vegas Valley Vein Institute. As a General Surgeon, Varicose Vein Disease has always been a part of **Dr. Simon's** Practice. The technologies utilized include Radiofrequency Ablation, Microfoam Chemical Vein Ablation, Injection Sclerotherapy with medications like Asclera, and the use of Vein Gogh Ohmic Therapy. Typical for **Dr. Simon**, these modalities are considered the latest most minimally invasive techniques available for vein-related disorders.

At the request of loyal patients, **Dr. Simon** expanded his General Surgery practice to include minimally invasive techniques of hair restoration. With the founding of Vegas Valley Hair Restoration, **Dr. Simon** brought NEOGRAFT Follicle Unit Extraction (F.U.E.) to Southern Nevada. Discriminating men and women from across the United States seek **Dr. Simon's** expertise to achieve the younger, more aesthetic look that a full head of hair brings to their lives.

Dr. Simon is also a Nevada attorney. He matriculated in the inaugural class of the U.N.L.V. Boyd School of Law. He maintained his full General Surgery practice throughout law school, graduated in 2002, and has been a member of the State Bar of Nevada since 2002. He is a founding partner in the law firm of Parker, Parker, and Simon.

Dr. Simon has performed Medico-Legal Consulting for several U.S. medical device manufacturers. He has lectured nationally and internationally. He has testified to members of the United States Congress on behalf of the Association of Medical Device Reprocessors.

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Mr. Olivarez has been with Swift Institute since September of 2004. He received his certificate in PA studies in 1995 from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, in Pomona, CA.

Mr. Olivarez started his career in medicine in 1985 as a Navy corpsman. He spent 4 years in the Navy working as a surgical technologist. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he continued work as a surgical technologist while pursuing his degree at Mount San Antonio College, in Walnut, California. Since becoming a PA, **Mr. Olivarez** has worked with both orthopedic and neurosurgical spine surgeons. He has assisted on thousands of spine surgeries throughout his career.

Mr. Olivarez has remained active in the education of physician assistants. He is an associate clinical professor of Spinal Neurosurgery at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Previously he served as a clinical preceptor for Western University, Samuel Merritt College Physician Assistant Program, and Touro University Primary Care Physician Assistant Program. He is a regular speaker and presenter at the California Academy of Physician Assistants annual conference. **Mr. Olivarez** has received special recognition for achievements and knowledge of surgery and is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. He is also a Fellow member of the Association of Neurosurgical Physician Assistants and the Nevada Academy of Physician Assistants.

In his spare time **Mr. Olivarez** enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. He is an avid cyclist as well.

Mr. Farnsworth's primary employment from 2000 to the present has been with Renown Health, a not-for-profit integrated health care network, where he has served in a variety of capacities. **Mr. Farnsworth** is a board-certified Respiratory Care Practitioner with specialties in Emergency Medicine, Shock Trauma Resuscitation, and Adult/Pediatric/Neonatal Critical Care. He has held significant leadership positions with the health network and is currently serving as the systemwide Director for the Respiratory Care Service Lines.

Chief Master Sergeant Jason Farnsworth also serves as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the 152nd Mission Support Group, Nevada Air National Guard, Reno, Nevada. In this role, he provides leadership and direction to over 500 full-time and traditional military personnel. **Chief Farnsworth** is responsible for advising the commander on enlisted-force matters, operations, and force development, and provides executive-level administrative oversight.

The Federal Trade Commission & Cybersecurity -- The New Kid in Town

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Overview

Historically, healthcare industry participants, patients, and consumers alike connected the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)¹ with the privacy and security of sensitive individually identifiable information, including protected health information (PHI).² While this still holds true, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has emerged as a champion of protecting the privacy and security of consumer's individually identifiable health information (IIHI) by using its authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTCA) and its own Health Breach Notification Rule,³ which is separate from the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule. The easiest way to think of the distinction between the enforcement authority of HHS versus the FTC is that HHS deals with patients and the FTC deals with consumers, who may also be patients. This is an important distinction because the recent FTC enforcement actions involve consumers' use of various apps, without a physician's prescription or order.

To mitigate liability, even though the FTC Act does not expressly mention compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule and the Security Rule or the Genetic Information Non-Disclosure Act (GINA), companies should consider utilizing the resources available on the HHS website to cultivate a culture of compliance and mitigate liability in the long run. The focus of this article is to highlight some of the recent FTC enforcement actions, as well as the *July 20, 2023 Use of Online Tracking Technologies* Letter (hereinafter "Letter"), which was issued jointly by HHS – Office for Civil Rights and FTC to companies regarding privacy and security risks associated with online tracking tools on websites and apps and the "impermissibl[e] disclos[ure] of consumers' sensitive personal health information to third parties."⁴

Analysis

Although full compliance with the FTC's Health Breach Notification Rule has been required since February 22, 2010, the FTC did not use it in an enforcement action until its February 1, 2023 announcement involving GoodRx⁵. Subsequently, enforcement actions involving BetterHelp, PreMom, and 1Health followed. At the heart of these enforcement actions are two main items: (1) not obtaining consumer consent before taking and (2) using consumer information (in these instances IIHI). A recent article on the FTC's website provides a comprehensive explanation into the technical side of its enforcement actions, which include pixels.⁶ Some key highlights of the *GoodRx* and *BetterHelp* cases follow:

- The use of third-party tracking pixels, which enable platforms to amass, analyze, and infer information about user activity, [with] [t]he remedies in *GoodRx* and *BetterHelp* include[ing] strong provisions like bans that place strict, comprehensive limits on whether and how certain user information may be disclosed for advertising. In *GoodRx* and *BetterHelp*, this included a ban on the sharing of health information for any advertising purposes, and the *BetterHelp* order further bans the disclosure of other personal information for re-targeting.
- Tracking pixels have evolved from tiny, pixel-sized images on web pages for tracking purposes to include a broad range of HTML and JavaScript embedded in web sites (and email).⁶ Tracking pixels can be hidden from sight and can track and send all sorts of personal data such as how a user interacts with a web page including specific items a user has purchased or information users have typed within a form while on the site. Businesses often want to use them to track consumer behavior (pageviews, clicks, interactions with ads) and target ads to users who may be more likely to engage or purchase something based on that prior online behavior.

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- Companies who are interested in pixel tracking must first choose a pixel tracking provider. The provider will then generate a tracking pixel, a small piece of code that will be placed into the website or ad and define their tracking goals such as purchases, clicks, or pageviews. The company will then use some version of a dashboard or interface with the provider to track, test, and refine their settings.
- ***Pixel tracking can be monetized several ways. One way to monetize pixel tracking is for companies to use the tracking data collected to improve the company's own marketing campaigns. The data can be used to target more specific audiences with ads and other marketing messages. Another is that companies can monetize the data collected by further optimizing their own ad targeting systems and charging other companies to use its advertising offerings*** (emphasis added).
- **Lack of clarity around data collection and use.** With pixels, any type of personal and identifying information can be collected and shared.
- **Personal information may not be effectively removed.** Some pixel tracking methods ostensibly attempt to remove personal information but may in fact still leak enough information to identify an individual. For instance, some tracking pixels “hash” personal information to scramble personally identifiable information such as names or email, which the FTC has said may be inadequate in some cases, because hashes can be reversed or used to link data across different databases.

Subsequently, on June 16, 2023, the FTC announced that *In the Matter of 1Health.io Inc. d/b/a Vitagene, Inc.* a settlement had been reached “over allegations that it left sensitive genetic and health data unsecured, deceived consumers about their ability to get their data deleted and changed its privacy policy retroactively without adequately notifying and obtaining consent from consumers whose data the company had already collected.”⁷ Hence, underscoring another route the FTC uses to address consumer data privacy and security related to IIHI.

This brings us to the July 20, 2023 Letter. As mentioned in the *Overview*, HHS-OCR and the FTC wrote companies highlighting risks associated with certain online tracking technologies that may be present on websites and apps.⁸ “Recent research, news reports, FTC enforcement actions, and an OCR bulletin have highlighted risks and concerns about the use of technologies, such as the Meta/Facebook pixel and Google Analytics, that can track a user’s online activities.”⁹ The letter further delineates between HIPAA, which applies to covered entities and business associates and the FTC. Specifically, “[e]ven if you are not covered by HIPAA, you still have an obligation to protect against impermissible disclosures of personal health information under the FTC Act and the FTC Health Breach Notification Rule.”¹⁰ HHS-OCR reminded recipients that “[t]he HIPAA Rules apply when the information that a regulated entity collects through tracking technologies or discloses to third parties (*e.g.*, tracking technology vendors) includes PHI.”¹¹ In sum, it is notable that the agencies are putting companies on notice as a “critical issue.”

Conclusion

Cybersecurity risk management and government enforcement are here to stay. A variety of U.S. government agencies, ranging from HHS-OCR, to the FTC, to the Securities and Exchange, to the Department of Justice, all have initiatives to combat fraud, waste, and violations of data privacy and security. The best five steps that providers, as well as others handling PHI or IIHI can take are as follows: (1) have an annual risk analysis done, preferably by a third party; (2) require and log cybersecurity training (at least annually); (3) have comprehensive policies and procedures in place and update them annually; (4) encrypt data both at rest and in transit; and (5) ensure that business associate agreements (or similar data privacy and security agreements) are in place. As the Boy Scouts motto states, “Be Prepared.”

¹Pub. L. 104-191 (Aug. 21, 1996).

²For the purpose of this article, PHI includes electronic protected health information (ePHI) and electronic health information (EHI)

³Part 318 Notice of Proposed Rule Making - “Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “Recovery Act” or “the Act”), the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) or (“Commission”) must issue rules requiring vendors of personal health records and related entities to notify individuals when the security of their individually identifiable health information is breached. Accordingly, the FTC seeks comment on a proposed rule.” (Fed. Reg. No. E9-08882). On August 25, 2009, the Final Rule was published (74 Fed. Reg. 42962). “This rule is effective September 24, 2009. Full compliance is required by February 22, 2010.”

⁴HHS-OCR and FTC, *Letter Re: Use of Online Tracking Technologies* (Jul. 20, 2023).

⁵FTC, *FTC Enforcement Action to Bar GoodRx from Sharing Consumers’ Sensitive Health Info for Advertising* (Feb. 1, 2023), <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/news/press-releases/2023/02/ftc-enforcement-action-bar-goodrx-sharing-consumers-sensitive-health-info-advertising>.

⁶FTC, *A deep dive into the technical side of FTC’s recent cases on digital health platforms, GoodRx & BetterHelp*, <https://www.ftc.gov/policy/advocacy-research/tech-at-ftc/2023/03/lurking-beneath-surface-hidden-impacts-pixel-tracking> (last visited Jul. 20, 2023).

⁷FTC Matter/File Number: 1923170 (Jun. 16, 2023), <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/cases-proceedings/1923170-1healthio-vitagene-matter>.

⁸*Supra* n. 4.

⁹*Id.*

¹⁰*Id.*

¹¹*Id.*

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2024 BME MEETING & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1 – New Year’s Day
January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19 – Presidents’ Day
March 1 – Board meeting (Las Vegas)
May 27 – Memorial Day
June 7 – Board meeting (Reno)
June 19 – Juneteenth
July 4 – Independence Day
September 2 – Labor Day
September 13 – Board meeting (Reno)
October 25 – Nevada Day
November 11 – Veterans’ Day
November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving Day & Family Day
December 13 – Board meeting (Las Vegas)
December 25 – Christmas

NOTIFICATION OF ADDRESS CHANGE, PRACTICE CLOSURE AND LOCATION OF RECORDS

Pursuant to NRS 630.254, all licensees of the Board are required to "maintain a permanent mailing address with the Board to which all communications from the Board to the licensee must be sent." A licensee must notify the Board in writing of a change of permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of a fine or initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the licensee.

Please keep in mind the address you provide will be viewable by the public on the Board's website.

Additionally, if you close your practice in Nevada, you are required to notify the Board in writing within 14 days after the closure, and for a period of 5 years thereafter, keep the Board apprised of the location of the medical records of your patients.

As noted, Board meetings are held at the Reno office of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 9600 Gateway Drive, and videoconferenced to the Las Vegas office of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, or held at the Las Vegas office and videoconferenced to the Reno office.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

AFIFI, Hazem Y., M.D. (9677) **Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case, and malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Afifi violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) as set forth in Count I of the First Amended Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) 12 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the First Amended Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

AGU, Ajumobi C., M.D. (8857) **Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged knowing and willful failure to comply with a Settlement Agreement and Board Order.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician].

Action Taken: On June 30, 2023, the Investigative Committee suspended Dr. Agu's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

AGU, Ajumobi C., M.D. (8857) **Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged knowing and willful failure to comply with a Settlement Agreement and Board Orders.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician].

Action Taken: On September 19, 2023, the Investigative Committee suspended Dr. Agu's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

ALVAREZ, Jose H., M.D. (10765) **Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice, practicing beyond the scope of his training, and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of four patients.

Charges: Four violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; four violations of NRS 630.306(1)(e) [practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or performing services which the licensee knows or has reason to know that he is not competent to perform, or which are beyond the scope of his training]; four violations of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On June 9, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Alvarez violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Counts I-IV and IX-XII of the Second Amended Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$5,000 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case; (4) Dr. Alvarez shall immediately place his license in inactive status, and it shall remain inactive until further order of the Board. Should Dr. Alvarez choose to reactivate his license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada, he shall perform 20 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME). The aforementioned hours of CME shall be in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure. Should Dr. Alvarez choose to reactivate his license to practice medicine, he shall not perform cosmetic surgery until such time as he has completed the Certified General Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship offered by the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, at his own expense, and provided confirmation of such to the Board. Counts V-VIII of the Second Amended Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

BARGEN, Richard A., M.D. (3877) **Reno, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice, writing prescriptions for controlled substances in a manner that deviated from the *Model Policy on the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain* (Model Policy), and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Bargaen violated NRS 630.301(4), NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as alleged in the underlying Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: Dr. Bargaen's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada was revoked and he may not apply for a new license for a minimum period of three years, pursuant to NRS 622A.410; he shall receive a public reprimand; and he shall reimburse the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case, pursuant to the Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Attorneys' Fees prior to submission of an application for a new license.

BASILAN, Warren S., RRT (RC1999) **Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, engaging in unsafe or unprofessional conduct, and engaging in conduct that violated the trust of a patient and exploited the relationship between Mr. Basilan and a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) [engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with regulations adopted by

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the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.301(7) [engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and exploits the relationship between the physician and the patient for financial or other personal gain].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Mr. Basilan violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Counts I and II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) submit to and pass all five sections of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) examination, at his own expense; (5) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Counts III and IV of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

BEHESHTI, Nader H., M.D. (9410)

North Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Beheshti violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,500 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

BOWMAN, John M., M.D. (4945)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, practicing beyond the scope of his practice and his training, malpractice, and failure to adequately supervise a physician assistant.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; two violations of NRS 630.306(1)(e) [practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or performing services which the licensee knows or has reason to know that he is not competent to perform, or which are beyond the scope of his training] two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation

of NRS 630.1(b)(2)) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Bowman violated NRS 630.306(1)(e) and NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), as set forth in Counts II and VI of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,500 fine; (3) 15 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case; (5) Dr. Bowman shall not enter into a supervision agreement with a physician assistant who is performing or desires to perform liposuction surgery or any other cosmetic surgery or procedure. Counts I, III, IV and V of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

CHACON, Samuel R., M.D. (9105)

Reno, Nevada

Summary: Reasonable belief that the health, safety and welfare of the public was at imminent risk of harm.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.326(1) [risk of imminent harm to the health, safety or welfare of the public or any patient served by the licensee].

Action Taken: On September 5, 2023, the Investigative Committee summarily suspended Dr. Chacon's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

CHAMBERS, George P., Jr., M.D. (10476)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged disruptive behavior, engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, engaging in conduct that violated the trust of two patients and exploited the relationship between Dr. Chambers and those patients, continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field, and engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(6) [disruptive behavior with a patient that interferes with patient care or has an adverse impact on the quality of care rendered to a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1) [engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; two violations of NRS 630.301(7) [engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and exploits the relationship between the physician and the patient for financial or other personal gain]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(g) [continual failure to exercise the skill or diligence or use the methods ordinarily exercised under the same circumstances by physicians in good standing practicing in the same specialty or field]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Chambers violated NRS 630.301(7), NRS 630.306(1)(g) and NRS 630.301(9), as alleged in Counts V-VIII of the underlying Complaint. The Board did not find violations as alleged in Counts I-IV of the underlying Complaint. The Board imposed the following discipline against Dr. Chambers: Dr. Chambers' license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada was revoked for two years, with the revocation stayed and his license placed on probation for a period of two years, subject to various terms and conditions, including the following: that Dr. Chambers receive a public reprimand; that he complete and unconditionally pass the PROBE Ethics and Boundaries Program by March 15, 2024; that he satisfactorily complete the Professional Boundaries Program through PACE at the University of San Diego by March 15, 2024; that he pay a fine of \$1,500 for each count found proven, for a total of \$6,000, by March 15, 2024; and that he reimburse the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case pursuant to the Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Attorneys' Fees by March 15, 2024. Additionally, Dr. Chambers previously signed a stipulation which placed conditions on his license, and those conditions shall remain on his license until further order of the Board.

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CHAN, Holman, M.D. (14418)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Chan violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,500 fine; (3) five hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

DOMANSKI, Kristina H., M.D. (16880)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to her treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Domanski violated NRS 630.301(4) as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,500 fine; (3) four hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to her statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

DUONG, Hai T., M.D. (19875)**Merced, California**

Summary: Disciplinary action taken against his medical license in California.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken against his medical license in another state].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Duong violated NRS 630.301(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) successfully complete the probationary period imposed upon him by the Medical

Board of California, which is anticipated to end on June 1, 2024, and show proof of that successful completion; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

FERGUSON, Scott R., M.D. (12291)**Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Ferguson violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,000 fine; (3) four hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

FRANCOIS, Howard, M.D. (12606)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On October 19, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Francois violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,500 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

HALES, Charles F., M.D. (5485)**Eugene, Oregon**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Hales violated NRS 630.301(4) as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,500 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME

requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

IBAY, Anthony H., M.D. (8147)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Ibay violated NRS 630.301(4) as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,500 fine; (3) six hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

JAHANGIR, Rashid, M.D. (11124)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Jahangir violated NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Count II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) four hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count I of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

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KIM, Charles B., M.D. (14791)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Kim violated NRS 630.301(4) as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$4,000 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

KIM, Charles B., M.D. (14791)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Kim violated NRS 630.301(4) as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$5,000 fine; (3) 15 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Counts II and III of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

KLEIN, Ira A., M.D. (16161)**Las Vegas**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of two patients.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; two violations of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Klein violated NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Count II of the Complaint in Case No. 23-43977-1 and NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in the Complaint in Case No. 23-43977-2, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$7,000 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count I of the Complaint in Case No. 23-43977-1 was dismissed with prejudice.

KRISHNAN, Ravi GP, M.D. (8406)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Krishnan violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1000 fine; (3) five hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

KUSHNIR, Christina L, M.D. (14396)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to her treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which

it found Dr. Kushnir violated NRS 630.3062(1)(a) as set forth in Count II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$500 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count I of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

LAPIDES, David A., M.D. (20475)**Fort Myers, Florida**

Summary: Conviction of a sexually related crime, conviction of an offense involving moral turpitude, disciplinary action taken against his medical license in Virginia, and alleged engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(11)(d) [conviction of a sexually related crime]; one violation of NRS 630.301(11)(g) [conviction of any offense involving moral turpitude]; one violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken against his medical license in another state]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute].

Disposition: On June 9, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Lapides violated NRS 630.301(11)(d) and NRS 630.301(9), as set forth in Counts I and II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) Dr. Lapides shall immediately cease the practice of medicine and voluntarily surrender his license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada, and he shall not be eligible to reapply for licensure before June 8, 2028; (2) public reprimand; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case, with the fees and costs stayed until such time as Dr. Lapides reapplies for licensure. Counts III and IV of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

LASRY, Jason H., M.D. (10970)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case, and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which

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the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Lasry violated NRS 630.301(4), NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as alleged in the underlying Complaint. The Board ordered that Dr. Lasry receive a public reprimand; pay a total fine of \$7,500, \$5,000 for violation of NRS 630.301(4) and \$1,250 each for violation of the other two remaining counts; complete eight hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; and reimburse the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case pursuant to the Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Attorneys' Fees.

LIU, Zheng K., M.D. (10712)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, and failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On June 9, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Liu violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Counts I and II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$4,000 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count III of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

MALL, Michael S., M.D. (6074)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of 15 patients, failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in doubtful and/or difficult cases, practicing beyond the scope of his training, and engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: Case No. 22-8666-1: 10 violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; 13 violations of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; 4 violations of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; 3 violations of NRS 630.306(1)(e) [practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or performing services which the licensee knows or has reason to know that he is not competent to perform, or which are beyond the scope of his training]. Case No. 22-8666-2: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]. Case No. 22-8666-3: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Mall violated NRS 630.301(4), NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) and NRS 630.306(1)(e), as set forth in Counts I, III and IV of the Complaint in Case No. 22-8666-1, NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint in Case No. 22-8666-2, and NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint in Case No. 22-8666-3, and imposed the following discipline against him: Dr. Mall's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada was placed on probation for a period of 18 months, from September 15, 2023, through and including March 14, 2025, subject to various terms and conditions, including the

following: (1) Dr. Mall shall receive a public reprimand; (2) he shall pay a fine in the amount of \$20,000; (3) he shall complete 30 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) he shall submit to and pass all 5 sections of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) examination, at his own expense; (5) he shall reimburse the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. All remaining counts in Case Nos. 22-8666-1, 22-8666-2 and 22-8666-3 were dismissed with prejudice.

MILYANI, Wa'el H., M.D. (17362)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Milyani violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2000 fine; (3) five hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

MIRZA, Irfan M., M.D. (9290)

Pahrump, Nevada

Summary: Disciplinary action taken against his medical license in Arizona.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken against his medical license in another state].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Mirza violated NRS 630.301(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

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MUIR, Benjamin M., M.D. (13459)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On October 19, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Muir violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,500 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

OLIVER, Jill A., M.D. (11484)**Henderson, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Oliver violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$800 fine; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

PHILLIPS, Maryanne D., M.D. (7635)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged administration of general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation to patients at an unaccredited location, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to her treatment of at least 61 patients, falsification of health care records, engaging in unsafe or unprofessional conduct, aiding the unlicensed practice of medicine, engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute, violation of a Board order, and malpractice.

Charges: Seventy-two violations of NRS 630.373 [administering general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation to patients at an unaccredited location]; 61 violations of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; 61 violations of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2)

[engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; 61 violations of NRS 630.306(1)(p) [engaging in any act that is unsafe or unprofessional conduct in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board]; 1 violation of NRS 630.305(1)(e) [aiding, assisting, employing or advising, directly or indirectly, any unlicensed person to engage in the practice of medicine]; 1 violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; 1 violation of NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician]; 2 violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice];

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Phillips violated NRS 630.373, as alleged in Counts 1-72 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint, NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as alleged in Counts 73-133 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint, NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), as alleged in Counts 134-194 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint, NRS 630.306(1)(p), as alleged in Counts 195-255 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint, NRS 630.305(1)(e), as alleged in Count 256 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint, NRS 630.301(9), as alleged in Count 257 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint, and NRS 630.301(4), as alleged in Count 259 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint. The Board imposed the following discipline against her: Dr. Phillips' license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada was revoked and she may not apply for a new license in the State of Nevada for a period of six years, pursuant to NRS 622A.410; that she receive a public reprimand; that she pay a fine in the amount of \$50,000, as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case pursuant to the Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Attorneys' Fees, with the payments for both the fine and the fees and costs immediately due and payable in full at such time as she reapplies for licensure. Count 258 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint was dismissed without prejudice during the hearing on the matter, and the Board did not find a violation as alleged in Count 260 of the underlying Second Amended Complaint.

ROBERTS, Schon C., M.D. (17176)**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, practicing beyond the scope of his practice and his training, malpractice, and failure to adequately supervise a physician assistant.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; two violations of NRS 630.306(1)(e) [practicing or offering to practice beyond the scope permitted by law or performing services which the licensee knows or has reason to know that he is not competent to perform, or which are beyond the scope of his training]; two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.1(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Roberts violated NRS 630.306(1)(e) and NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), as set forth in Counts II and VI of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,500 fine; (3) 15 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case; (5) Dr. Roberts shall immediately terminate any and all supervising physician agreements with any physician assistant who is not practicing in an emergency department. Counts I, III, IV and V of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

SANI, Farhad W., M.D. (SP401)**Eden Prairie, Minnesota**

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, and failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis,

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treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Sani violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Counts I and II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,500 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count III of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

SARFO, Kofi E., M.D. (11205)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of two patients, and charging for services not rendered.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; two violations of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; two violations of NRS 630.305(1)(d) [charging for visits to the physician's office which did not occur or for services which were not rendered or documented in the records of the patient].

Disposition: On June 9, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Sarfo violated NRS 630.3062(1)(a) and NRS 630.305(1)(d), as set forth in Counts III-VI of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,500 fine; (3) 19 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Counts I and II of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

SHALLENBERGER, Frank A., M.D. (4951)

Carson City, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice, and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of three patients, and unlawful prescribing of a controlled substance or dangerous drug.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; three violations of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(c) [administering, dispensing or prescribing any controlled substance, or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, to or for himself or herself or to others except as authorized by law].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Shallenberger violated NRS 630.3062(1)(a) and NRS 630.306(1)(c), as set forth in Counts II, III, V and VI of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$5,000 fine; (3) 22 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Counts I and IV of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

SIEMS, Jon L., M.D. (9250)

Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged knowing or willful failure to comply with an order of the Board.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Siems violated NRS 630.3065(2)(a), as alleged in the underlying Complaint. The Board ordered that Dr. Siems' license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada be suspended for a period of one year, from December 28, 2022 to December 27, 2023. On December 28, 2023, Dr. Siems' license will be reinstated to Active-Probation status. The Board further ordered that Dr. Siems complete the University of San Diego Physician Assessment and Competency Evaluation Program (PACE) Competency Assessment, or a substantially similar assessment by another entity approved by the Board, any aforementioned hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) received for attending the program that is substantially related to PACE shall be in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; and that he reimburse the Board's fees and

costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case, pursuant to the Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Attorneys' Fees.

SMITH, Joshua P., PA-C (PA1384)

Henderson, Nevada

Summary: Alleged engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Mr. Smith violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) eight hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (3) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

SMITH, Ronald D., M.D. (11778)

Henderson, Nevada

Summary: Alleged violation of federal law regulating the possession, distribution or use of a controlled substance, engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute, and engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(11)(f) [violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS]; one violation of NRS 630.301(9) [engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Smith violated NRS 630.301(11)(f) and NRS 630.301(9), as set forth in Counts I, II and III of the Complaint. The Board ordered that Dr. Smith's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada be placed on probation for an indeterminate period of time, not to exceed 60 months, subject to various terms

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and conditions, including the following: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,000 fine; (3) 8 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case; (5) Dr. Smith shall successfully complete all requirements as established by the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, and the U.S. Probation Office, for his under-lying criminal conviction in Case 2:19-cr-00154-RFB-VCF; (6) he shall abstain from the personal use or possession of controlled substances and prescription drugs, unless lawfully prescribed to him for a current bona fide illness or condition by a licensed practitioner; (7) he shall abstain from the use of any and all other mood-altering substances for any other purpose than the purpose for which the substance is intended; (8) he shall complete all terms and conditions of any criminal sanctions incurred before or during the period of the Agreement. Count IV of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

SNOW, Dan G., M.D. (14778)
Reno, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice, failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient, failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case, failure to adequately supervise a physician assistant, and engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(r) [failure to adequately supervise a physician assistant pursuant to regulations of the Board]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1) [engaging in conduct which is intended to deceive].

Disposition: On June 9, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Snow violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Counts I and II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$3,000 fine; (3) five hours of continuing medical

education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) submit to and pass all five sections of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) examination, at her own expense; (5) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Counts III, IV and V of the Complaint were dismissed with prejudice.

SORELLE, Jonathan R., M.D. (12562)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Sorelle violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.3062(1)(a) as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$2,500 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

STEARNS, Robert L. G., M.D. (17534)
Houston, Texas

Summary: Disciplinary action taken against his medical license in Wisconsin and alleged failure to timely report said disciplinary action to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(3) [disciplinary action taken against his medical license in another state]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(k) [failure to report in writing, within 30 days, any disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Stearns violated NRS 630.301(3), as set forth in Count I of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

STELJES, Alan D., M.D. (6360)
Charleston, South Carolina

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to seek consultation with another provider of health care in a doubtful and/or difficult case.

Charges: Two violations of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) [engaging in conduct which the Board has determined is a violation of the standards of practice established by regulation of the Board].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Steljes violated NRS 630.301(4) and NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), as set forth in Counts I and III of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$4,000 fine; (3) 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count II of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

TEH, Cynthia E., M.D. (8375)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Teh violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$500 fine; (3) four hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to her statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

TEH, Richard S., M.D. (8220)
Las Vegas, Nevada

Summary: Alleged engaging in conduct in violation of State Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) [engaging in conduct which is in violation of a regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy].

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Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Teh violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$500 fine; (3) four hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

**TURNER, Gary E., M.D. (11153)
Carson City, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice and failure to maintain appropriate medical records relating to his treatment of a patient.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice]; one violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) [failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Turner violated NRS 630.3062(1)(a), as set forth in Count II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$1,000 fine; (3) five hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case. Count I of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

**VON FELDMANN, Dietrich, M.D. (12002)
Sparks, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged knowing and willful failure to comply with a Board Order.

Statutory Authority: NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician].

Action Taken: On June 12, 2023, the Investigative Committee suspended Dr. Von Feldmann's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada until further order of the Investigative Committee or the Board of Medical Examiners.

**VON FELDMANN, Dietrich, M.D. (12002)
Sparks, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged knowing or willful failure to comply with an order of the Board.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Dr. Von Feldmann violated NRS 630.3065(2)(a), as alleged in the underlying Complaint. The Board ordered that Dr. Von Feldmann's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada be revoked and he may not apply for a new medical license in the State of Nevada for a period of two years, pursuant to NRS 622A.410; that he receive a public reprimand; and that he reimburse the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case, pursuant to the Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements and Attorneys' Fees, as well as the \$2,000 fine and the fees and costs assessed in BME Case No. 22-31575-1, prior to submitting an application for a new Nevada medical license.

**WATSON, Lora L., RRT (RC137)
Louisville, Kentucky**

Summary: Alleged inability to practice respiratory therapy with reasonable skill and safety and knowing or willful failure to comply with an order of a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a licensee.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.306(1)(a) [inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety because of illness, a mental or physical condition or the use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics or any other substance]; one violation of NRS 630.3065(2)(a) [knowingly or willfully failing to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a licensee].

Disposition: On September 15, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Ms. Watson violated NRS 630.3065(2)(a), as set forth in Count II of the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against her: Ms. Watson shall immediately cease the practice of respiratory care and immediately voluntarily surrender her license to practice respiratory therapy in

the State of Nevada; she shall not reapply for a license to practice respiratory therapy in the State of Nevada prior to October 21, 2026; and she shall reimburse the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case, with the costs stayed until such time as she reapplies for licensure. Count I of the Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.

**YEE, Chihuang E., M.D. (7830)
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Summary: Alleged malpractice.

Charges: One violation of NRS 630.301(4) [malpractice].

Disposition: On December 1, 2023, the Board accepted a Settlement Agreement by which it found Dr. Yee violated NRS 630.301(4), as set forth in the Complaint, and imposed the following discipline against him: (1) public reprimand; (2) \$3,500 fine; (3) four hours of continuing medical education (CME), in addition to his statutory CME requirements for licensure; (4) reimbursement of the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

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Public Reprimands Ordered by the Board

December 8, 2023

Hazem Youssef Afifi, M.D.
c/o Jill Chase Esq.
Hall Prangle Shoonveld, LLC
1140 N. Town Center Drive, Suite 350
Las Vegas, NV 89144

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Hazem Youssef Afifi, M.D.
BME Case No. 22-19887-1**

Dr. Afifi:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 22-19887-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), Violation of Standards of Practice Established by Regulation. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take twelve (12) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

June 22, 2023

Jose Hiram Alvarez, M.D.
c/o John A. Hunt, Esq.
Clark Hill PLLC
1700 Pavilion Center, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89135

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Jose Hiram Alvarez, M.D.
BME Case No. 21-28177-2**

Dr. Alvarez:

On June 9, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you in the aforementioned case.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated four (4) counts of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded. Your license to practice medicine shall be immediately placed into inactive status until further order of the Board. To reactivate your license, you shall be required to perform twenty (20) hours of Continued Medical Education and shall not perform cosmetic surgery until you have completed the Certified General Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship. Additionally, you shall pay a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) along with the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

October 20, 2023

Richard Allen Barga, M.D.
490 Highland Ave. #24
Reno, NV 89512

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Richard Allen Barga, M.D.
BME Case No. 20-5783-1**

Dr. Barga:

On September 15, 2023, the adjudicating members of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) considered the findings and recommendations submitted by the hearing officer in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 20-5783-1.

The Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice; violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) Violation of Standards of Practice; and violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records.

The Board ordered as follows: you shall be publicly reprimanded, and your license to practice medicine is revoked and you may not reapply for a license to practice medicine in Nevada for three (3) years. Additionally, you shall pay the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter prior to submitting a new application.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Warren S. Basilan, RRT
c/o Jeffrey Whitehead, Esq.
Whitehead & Burnett
6980 O'Bannon Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Warren S. Basilan, RRT
BME Case No. 23-39155-1**

Mr. Basilan:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-39155-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice and one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada. Further you shall submit to and pass all five (5) sections of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services examination.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional

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disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 8, 2023

Nader Hossein Beheshti, M.D.
c/o Patricia Egan Daehnke, Esq.
Collinson, Daehnke, Inlow & Greco
2110 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 212
Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Nader Hossein Beheshti, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-19184-1**

Dr. Beheshti:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-19184-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 8, 2023

John Michael Bowman, M.D.
8811 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against John Michael Bowman, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-8004-1**

Dr. Bowman:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the

Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-8004-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(e), Practicing Beyond Scope of License, and one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), NAC 630.230(1)(i), Failure to Adequately Supervise. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take fifteen (15) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada. Additionally, you shall not enter into a supervision agreement with a physician assistant who is performing, or desires to perform, liposuction surgery or any other cosmetic surgery or procedure.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

October 20, 2023

George Peter Chambers, Jr., M.D.
c/o Libo Agwara, Esq.
The Law Offices of Libo Agwara, Ltd.
2785 E. Desert Inn Rd., Suite 280
Las Vegas, NV 89121

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against George Peter Chambers, Jr., M.D.
BME Case No. 22-27891-1**

Dr. Chambers:

On September 15, 2023, the adjudicating members of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) considered the findings and recommendations submitted by the hearing officer in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 22-27891-1.

In accordance with its adjudication of the matter, the Board entered an Order finding you violated two (2) counts of NRS 630.301(7) Engaging in Conduct that Violates the trust of a Patient and Exploits the Relationship with the patient for Financial or Other Personal Gain (Counts V and VI), violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(g) Continual Failure to Practice Medicine Properly (Count VII), and violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(9) Disreputable Conduct. For this, your license to practice medicine in Nevada is revoked for two (2) years, with this revocation stayed and your license placed on probation for two (2) years, subject to the following conditions of the Board: (a) you shall continue to strictly comply with the terms set forth in the previously signed Stipulation and Order filed February 22, 2023. You may petition the Board at a public meeting to request removal of the conditions on your medical license no earlier than two (2) years from the date of the order. You shall sign an appropriate release and complete and unconditionally pass the PROBE Ethics and Boundaries Course offered by CPEP on or before March 15, 2024. You shall satisfactorily compete the PACE (Professional Boundaries Program) at the University of San Diego on or before March 15, 2024. Further, you shall immediately cease advertising or holding yourself out, on your website, social media platforms, letterhead, or other communications to current or potential patients that you are "certified" in any area unless it is in strict compliance with NRS 629.076(1). Additionally, you shall pay a fine of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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September 15, 2023

Holman Chan, M.D.
c/o Katherine Turpen, Esq.
John H. Cotton & Associates
7900 West Sahara Ave., Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Holman Chan, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-39993-1**

Dr. Chan:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-39993-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take five (5) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 8, 2023

Kristina Halina Domanski, M.D.
c/o Keith A. Weaver, Esq.
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Kristina Halina Domanski, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-46394-1**

Dr. Domanski:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between

you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-46394-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take four (4) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 8, 2023

Hai Tu Duong, M.D.
c/o Lyn E. Beggs, Esq.
Law Offices of Lyn E. Beggs, PLLC
316 California Ave., # 863
Reno, NV 89509

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Hai Tu Duong, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-51850-1**

Dr. Duong:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-51850-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(3), Disciplinary Action by Another Licensing Board. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall complete your probationary period imposed upon you by the Medical Board of California and provide proof of completion to the Board as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 8, 2023

Scott Richard Ferguson, M.D.
c/o Keith A. Weaver, Esq.
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Scott Richard Ferguson, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-32659-1**

Dr. Ferguson:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-32659-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take four (4) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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October 19, 2023

Howard Francois, M.D.
c/o Adam Garth, Esq.
Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.
2850 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89052

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Howard Francois, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-33514-1**

Dr. Francois:

On October 19, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-33514-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall pay a fine of one thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Charles Farnsworth Hales, M.D.
c/o Christina Alexander, Esq.
Hutchison & Steffen
10080 W. Alta Drive, Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89145

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Charles Farnsworth Hales, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-9713-1**

Dr. Hales:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-9713-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Anthony Hofilena Ibay, M.D.
c/o Heather Hall, Esq.
McBride Hall
8329 West Sunset Road, Suite 260
Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Anthony Hofilena Ibay, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-11648-1**

Dr. Ibay:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-11648-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take six (6) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional

disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Rashid Jahangir, M.D.
c/o Keith A. Weaver, Esq.
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Rashid Jahangir, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-28648-1**

Dr. Jahangir:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-28648-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Accurate and Complete Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take four (4) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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September 15, 2023

Charles Brian Kim, M.D.
c/o Sean M. Kelly, Esq.
McBride Hall
8329 West Sunset Road, Suite 260
Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Charles Brian Kim, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-40843-1**

Dr. Kim:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-40843-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Charles Brian Kim, M.D.
c/o Anthony D. Lauria, Esq.
Lauria Tokunaga Gates & Linn, LLP
1755 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 240
Sacramento, CA 95833

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Charles Brian Kim, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-40843-2**

Dr. Kim:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in

relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-40843-2.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take fifteen (15) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Ira Alan Klein, M.D.
c/o Crane Pomerantz, Esq.
Clark Hill PLLC
1700 S. Pavilion Center Drive, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89135

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Ira Alan Klein, M.D.
BME Case Nos. 23-43977-1 and 23-43977-2**

Dr. Klein:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case Nos. 23-43977-1 and 23-43977-2.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding, in Case No. 23-43977-1, that you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records, and that, in Case No. 23-43977-2, you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice, and one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of

continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Ravi GP Krishnan, M.D.
c/o Lyn E. Beggs, Esq.
Law Office of Lyn E. Beggs
328 California Ave., Suite 3
Reno, NV 89509

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Ravi GP Krishnan, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-12019-1**

Dr. Krishnan:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-12019-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take five (5) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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September 15, 2023

Christina Lynne Kushnir, M.D.
c/o Sean Kelly, Esq.
McBride Hall
8329 W. Sunset Road, Suite 260
Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Christina Lynne Kushnir, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-32717-1**

Dr. Kushnir:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-32717-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

June 22, 2023

David Ari Lapidés, M.D.
9110 College Pointe Court
Fort Myers, FL 33919

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against David Ari Lapidés, M.D.
BME Case No. 22-53598-1**

Dr. Lapidés:

On June 9, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 22-53598-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(11)(d)

Conviction of a Sexually Related Crime and one (1) count of NRS 630.301(9) Engaging in Conduct That Brings the Medical Profession Into Disrepute. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded. Your license to practice medicine shall be voluntarily surrendered and you will be ineligible to reapply for licensure in the State of Nevada before June 8, 2028. Additionally, you shall pay the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter immediately, should you reapply for licensure.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 14, 2023

Jason Howard Lasry, M.D.
c/o Chelsea R. Hueth, Esq.
McBride Hall
8329 W. Sunset Road, Suite 260
Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Jason Howard Lasry, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-29251-1**

Dr. Lasry:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) considered the findings and recommendations submitted by the hearing officer in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-29251-1.

The Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice, one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3), Violation of Standards of Practice Established by Regulation – Failure to Consult, and one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Appropriate Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded and pay a fine in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Additionally, you shall complete eight (8) hours of continued medical education (CME), as outlined in the Order, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

June 22, 2023

Zheng Kun Liu, M.D.
c/o Charlotte Buys, Esq.
McBride Hall
8329 W. Sunset Road, Suite 260
Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Zheng Kun Liu, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-28372-1**

Dr. Liu:

On June 9, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-28372-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice and one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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September 15, 2023

Michael Scott Mall, M.D.
c/o Michael Navratil, Esq.
7900 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Michael Scott Mall, M.D.
BME Case Nos. 22-8666-1, 22-8666-2,
22-8666-3**

Dr. Mall:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaints filed against you, Case No. 22-8666-1, 22-8666-2, 22-8666-3.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement the Board entered an Order finding, for case number 22-8666-1, you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice, one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(e) Practicing Beyond Scope of Licensure, and one (1) count of NRS 6930.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records; for case numbers 22-8666-2 and 22-8666-3 you violated two (2) counts (one violation in each case) of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) Violation of Provisions of Chapter 639 of Nevada Revised Statutes Governing Controlled Substances. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, your license to practice medicine is placed on probationary status for eighteen (18) months and you shall pay a fine of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Additionally, you shall perform thirty (30) hours of Continued Medical Education (CME) in addition to the regularly imposed CME requirements that are a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada. Moreover, you must submit to and pass all five (5) sections of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) examination.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Wa'el Hisham Milyani, M.D.
c/o S. Brent Vogel, Esq.
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Wa'el Hisham Milyani, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-47427-1**

Dr. Milyani:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-47427-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take five (5) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Irfan M. Mirza, M.D.
c/o Maria Nutile, Esq.
Nutile Law
7395 S. Pecos Road, Suite 103
Las Vegas, NV 89120

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Irfan M. Mirza, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-12909-1**

Dr. Mirza:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the

Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-12909-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(3) Disciplinary Action by Another State Medical Board. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

October 19, 2023

Benjamin Morgan Muir, M.D.
c/o Adam Garth, Esq.
Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.
2850 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89052

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Benjamin Morgan Muir, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-36616-1**

Dr. Muir:

On October 19, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-36616-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded and you shall pay a fine of one thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional

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disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.
Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Jill Allison Oliver, M.D.
c/o Bridget Kelly, Esq.
Nutile Law
7395 S. Pecos Road, Suite 103
Las Vegas, NV 89120

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Jill Allison Oliver, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-30779-1**

Dr. Oliver:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-30779-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

October 20, 2023

Maryanne Deforest Phillips, M.D.
c/o Leo Flangas, Esq.
600 S. Third Street
Las Vegas, NV 89521

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against MARYANNE DEFOREST PHILLIPS, M.D.
BME Case No. 21-10032-1**

Dr. Phillips:

On September 15, 2023, the adjudicating members of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) considered the findings and recommendations submitted by the hearing officer in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 21-10032-1.

The Board entered an Order finding you violated seventy-two (72) counts of NRS 630.373 Administering General Anesthesia, Conscious Sedation, or Deep Sedation at an Unaccredited Location; violated sixty-one (61) counts of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records; violated sixty-one (61) counts of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) Violation of Standards of Practice Established by Regulation; violated sixty-one (61) counts of NRS 630.306(1)(p) Engaging in Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct; violated one (1) count of NRS 630.305(1)(e) Aiding in the Unlicensed Practice of Medicine; violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(9) Engaging in Conduct that Brings the Medical Profession into Disrepute; and violated of one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice.

The Board ordered as follows: you shall be publicly reprimanded, and your license to practice medicine shall be revoked and you may not apply for a license to practice medicine in Nevada for a period of six (6) years. Additionally, you shall pay a fine of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Schon Colby Roberts, M.D.
c/o Johnathon Fayeghi, Esq.
Sklar Williams PLLC
410 South Rampart Blvd., Suite 350
Las Vegas, NV 89145

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Schon Colby Roberts, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-42501-1**

Dr. Roberts:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-42501-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(e), Practicing Beyond the Scope of License and one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), Failure to Adequately Supervise. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take fifteen (15) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada. Additionally, you shall immediately terminate any supervising physician agreements with any physician assistant who is not practicing in an emergency department.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Farhad William Sani, M.D.
c/o Jessica Gandy, Esq.
Hutchison & Steffen
10080 W. Alta Drive, Ste, 200
Las Vegas, NV 89145

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Farhad William Sani, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-46132-1**

Dr. Sani:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-46132-1.

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In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice, and one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

June 22, 2023

Kofi Ebenezer Sarfo, M.D.
c/o John A. Hunt, Esq.
Clark Hill PLLC
1700 Pavilion Center, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89135

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Kofi Ebenezer Sarfo, M.D.
BME Case No. 22-29257-1**

Dr. Sarfo:

On June 9, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 22-29257-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated two (2) counts of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Timely, Legible, Accurate and Complete Medical Records and two (2) counts of NRS 630.305(1)(d) Charging for Visits to the Physician's Office Which Did Not Occur for Services Which Were Not Rendered. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take nineteen (19) hours of

continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Frank Anthony Shallenberger, M.D.
c/o Lyn E. Beggs, Esq.
Law Offices of Lyn E. Beggs, PLLC
316 California Ave., #863
Reno, NV 89509

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Frank Anthony Shallenberger, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-7127-1**

Dr. Shallenberger:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-7127-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated three (3) counts of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records, and one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(c), Unlawful Prescribing of Controlled Substance or Dangerous Drug. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take twenty-two (22) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 19, 2023

Jon Lane Siems, M.D.
41493 Margarita Road #G109
Temecula, CA 92591-5570

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Jon Lane Siems, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-13009-1**

Dr. Siems:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) considered the findings and recommendations submitted by the hearing officer in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-13009-1.

The Board entered an order finding that you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3065(2)(a), Knowing or Willful Failure to Comply with a Board Order. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded and your license to practice medicine shall be suspended for a period of one (1) year. The one (1) year period shall begin from the date of service of the filed Summary Suspension Order served December 28, 2022, through and including December 27, 2023. Further, the Board ordered that you complete the University of San Diego, Physician Assessment and Competency Evaluation Program (PACE), Competency Assessment or substantially similar assessment by another entity approved by the Board within six (6) months from the Board's Order and that you pay the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Joshua Peter Smith, PA-C
c/o John Hunt, Esq.
Clark Hill LLP
1700 S. Pavilion Center Drive, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89135

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Joshua Peter Smith, PA-C
BME Case No. 23-40388-1**

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Mr. Smith:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-40388-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(B)(3) Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take eight (8) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Ronald David Smith, M.D.
c/o Jeffrey J. Whitehead, Esq.
Whitehead & Burnett
6980 O'Bannon Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Ronald David Smith, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-31248-1**

Dr. Smith:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-31248-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated two (2) counts of NRS 630.301(11)(f), Violation of Federal Law Regulating the Possession, Distribution or Use of Any Controlled Substance, and one (1) count of NRS 630.301(9), Disreputable Conduct. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and your

license to practice medicine shall be placed on probation for a period not to exceed sixty (60) months. You shall successfully complete all requirements as established by the United States District Court, District of Nevada, and the United States Probation Office. Should you fail to complete your probation, or if you are dishonorably discharged from your probation, you must report this to the Board within forty-eight (48) hours and your license to practice medicine in Nevada will be immediately suspended pending a Show Cause Hearing. You must abstain from personal use and possession of controlled substances, prescription drugs or mood-altering substances as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023. Additionally, you shall pay a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take eight (8) hours of continuing medical education (CME), as outlined in the Agreement, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

June 22, 2023

Dan Gary Snow, M.D.
c/o Tracy L. Singh, Esq.
Law Offices of Tracy L. Singh, LLC
8635 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 437
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Dan Gary Snow, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-30078-1**

Dr. Snow:

On June 9, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-30078-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice and one (1) count of

NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall pay a fine of three thousand (\$3,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. You shall take five (5) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada. Finally, you shall submit to and pass all five (5) sections of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services examination.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Jonathan Richard Sorelle, M.D.
c/o Nausheen Peters, Esq.
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith
6385 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600
Las Vegas, NV 89118

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Jonathan Richard Sorelle, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-33332-1**

Dr. Sorelle:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-33332-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice and one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a) Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional

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disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Robert Lebaron Grant Stears, M.D.
c/o Sean M. Kelly, Esq.
McBride Hall
8329 Sunset Road, Suite 260
Las Vegas, NV 89113

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Ronald Lebaron Grant Stears, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-30806-1**

Dr. Stears:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-30806-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(3), Disciplinary Action by Another State Medical Board. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Alan David Steljes, M.D.
c/o Brad J. Shipley, Esq.
John H. Cotton & Associates
7900 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89117

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Alan David Steljes, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-8417-1**

Dr. Steljes:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-8417-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4) Malpractice and one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) Violation of Standards of Practice Established by Regulation - Consultation. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of four thousand (\$4,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take ten (10) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Cynthia Esguerra Teh, M.D.
c/o Crane Pomerantz, Esq.
1700 S. Pavilion Center Drive, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89135

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Cynthia Esguerra Teh, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-11670-1**

Dr. Teh:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-11670-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the Nevada Board of Pharmacy. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) as well as the

Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take four (4) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

September 15, 2023

Richard Sy Teh, M.D.
c/o Crane M. Pomerantz, Esq.
Clark Hill PLLC
1700 S. Pavilion Center Drive, Suite 500
Las Vegas, NV 89135

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Richard Sy Teh, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-11664-1**

Dr. Teh:

On September 15, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-11664-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3). For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take four (4) hours of continuing medical education (CME) in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Aury Nagy, M.D., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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December 11, 2023

Gary Eugene Turner, M.D.
c/o Edward J. Lemons, Esq.
Lemons, Grundy & Eisenberg
6005 Plumas Street, 3rd Floor
Reno, NV 89519

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Gary Eugene Turner, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-29548-1**

Dr. Turner:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-29548-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Appropriate Medical Records. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take five (5) hours of continuing medical education (CME) as outlined in the Agreement, filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 14, 2023

Dietrich Von Feldmann, M.D.
6400 Sharlands Ave., Apt T2130
Reno, NV 89523

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Dietrich Von Feldmann, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-31575-1**

Dr. Von Feldmann:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) considered the findings and recommendations submitted by

the hearing officer in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-31575-1.

The Board entered an Order finding that you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.3065(2)(a), Knowing or Willful Failure to Comply with a Board Order. For this, the Board has ordered that you shall be publicly reprimanded and your license to practice medicine shall be revoked. Pursuant to NRS 622A.410, you may not apply for reinstatement of your license for two (2) years from the date of the Board's Order. Further, you shall pay a fine in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

December 11, 2023

Chihuang Edward Yee, M.D.
c/o Brandon Verde, Esq.
Wilson Elser
6689 S. Las Vegas Blvd., #200
Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint
Against Chihuang Edward Yee, M.D.
BME Case No. 23-11427-1**

Dr. Yee:

On December 1, 2023, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) accepted the Settlement Agreement (Agreement) between you and the Board's Investigative Committee in relation to the formal Complaint filed against you, Case No. 23-11427-1.

In accordance with its acceptance of the Agreement, the Board entered an Order finding you violated one (1) count of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice. For this, you shall be publicly reprimanded, and you shall pay a fine in the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) as well as the Board's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Further, you shall take four (4) hours of continuing medical education (CME) as outlined in the Agreement filed December 1, 2023, in addition to any regular CME hours imposed upon you as a condition of licensure in the State of Nevada.

The Board formally and publicly reprimands you for your conduct which has brought professional disrespect upon you, and which reflects unfavorably upon the medical profession as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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