

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


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5 **In The Matter of Charges and**)
6 **Complaint Against**)
7 **RONALD CURTIS KOE, M.D.,**)
8 **Respondent.**)

Case No. 11-11907-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS
By: 

10 **SETTLEMENT, WAIVER AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

11 **THIS AGREEMENT** is hereby entered into by and between the
12 Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (the Board)
13 composed of Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman, Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF,
14 Member, Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member, in the above-captioned matter, by and through
15 Bradley O. Van Ry, Esq., Deputy General Counsel for the Board and counsel for the IC, and
16 Ronald Curtis Koe, M.D. (Respondent), as follows:

17 **WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2011, the Board's IC filed a formal Complaint in the above-
18 referenced matter charging Respondent with engaging in conduct that is grounds for discipline
19 pursuant to the Nevada's Medical Practice Act, i.e., Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes
20 (NRS), to wit: a violation of NRS Section 630.301(4), NAC 630.040; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, Respondent has received a copy of the formal Complaint, reviewed it,
22 understands it, and has had ample opportunity to consult with his counsel,
23 Keith A. Weaver, Esq., concerning the nature and significance of the formal Complaint, and
24 Respondent is fully aware concerning his rights and defenses to the formal Complaint as well as
25 the possible sanctions that may be imposed if the Board finds and concludes that he has violated
26 one or more provisions of the Medical Practice Act; and,

27 **WHEREAS**, Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement is entered into by
28 and between himself and the Board's IC, and not with the Board, but that the IC will present this

1 Agreement to the Board for consideration in open session at a meeting duly noticed and scheduled,
2 and that the IC shall advocate approval of this Agreement by the Board, but that the Board has the
3 right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board approves the terms,
5 covenants and conditions of this Agreement, then the terms, covenants and conditions enumerated
6 below shall be binding and enforceable upon him; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board does not approve the
8 terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement, then the terms, covenants and conditions
9 enumerated below shall not be binding and enforceable upon him except the provisions as to
10 disqualification of adjudicating panel members in paragraph number 8, and he will be provided
11 with an opportunity to defend himself against the charges against him as alleged in the formal
12 Complaint at a regularly scheduled hearing in accordance with all applicable laws; and,

13 **NOW THEREFORE**, in order to resolve this matter and all charges alleged by the
14 Board's IC in the above-captioned matter, Respondent and the IC hereby agree to the following
15 terms, covenants and conditions:

16 1. **Jurisdiction**. Respondent is, and at all times mentioned in the formal Complaint
17 filed in the above-captioned matter was, a physician licensed to practice medicine in the
18 State of Nevada subject to the jurisdiction of the Board to hear and adjudicate charges of
19 violations of the Medical Practice Act (NRS 630), and to impose sanctions as provided by the Act.

20 2. **Representation by Counsel/ Knowing, Willing and Intelligent Agreement**.
21 Respondent is represented by Keith A. Weaver, Esq. in this matter and has had ample
22 opportunity to review this agreement, the formal Complaint filed in this matter and related factual
23 basis with said legal counsel. Respondent further covenants and agrees that he enters into this
24 Agreement knowingly, willingly, and intelligently.

25 3. **Waiver of Rights**. In connection with this Agreement, and the terms, covenants
26 and conditions contained herein, and the understanding that Respondent knowingly, willingly and
27 intelligently, waives all rights arising under or pursuant to the United States Constitution, the
28 Constitution of the state of Nevada, NRS Chapter 630, NRS Chapter 233B, and any other statutory

1 rights that may be available to him or that may apply to him in connection with the proceeding on
2 the formal Complaint filed herein, the defense of said formal Complaint and the adjudication of
3 the charges in said formal Complaint, and Respondent further agrees that the matter of the formal
4 Complaint herein may be settled and resolved in accordance with this Agreement without a
5 hearing or any further proceeding, and without the right to judicial review. In the event this
6 Agreement is not approved by the Board, this Agreement shall have no force and effect and shall
7 be *void ab initio*, and Respondent shall have all rights arising under or pursuant to the United
8 States Constitution, the Constitution of the state of Nevada, NRS Chapter 630, NRS Chapter
9 233B, and any other statutory rights that may be available to him or that may apply to him in
10 connection with the proceeding on the formal Complaint filed herein.

11 **4. Consent to Entry of Order.** Respondent is aware that the trier of fact, the Board,
12 may find a factual basis in support of the formal Complaint against Respondent. Accordingly, in
13 order to resolve the matter without incurring further costs and expense of providing a defense to
14 the formal Complaint or to any other further amended complaint, and in exchange for the waiver
15 of the Respondent's foregoing rights, Respondent has entered into this Agreement¹, and agrees:

16 a. The Board may find that Respondent has engaged in conduct that is grounds
17 for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, to wit: a violation of Nevada Revised Statute
18 Section 630.301(4) and NAC 630.040 by failing to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge as a
19 physician under the same or similar circumstances relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of
20 Patient A; and,

21 b. Pursuant to NRS §622.400, Respondent shall pay the sum of \$2,568.16, the
22 current amount of the costs incurred by the Board to investigate and prosecute this matter, along
23 with the costs to conclude the matter, if any. The costs shall be paid to the Nevada State Board of
24 Medical Examiners within thirty (30) days of the Board's acceptance and approval of this
25 Agreement; and,

26 c. Respondent shall pay a fine of \$5,000; and,

27 ¹ All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related
28 administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by
Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
regulatory agency proceeding, state or federal civil or criminal court proceeding, or any other state or federal court.

1 d. Respondent shall attend and participate in ten (10) hours of CME in
2 Subacromial decompression, Labral repair and resection of the distal clavicular bone (shoulder
3 surgery) in addition to the normal CME requirements. Respondent's attendance and participation
4 in the ordered CME shall be in person and is to be accomplished within one (1) year of the entry
5 of this Agreement, and Respondent is to provide proof of attendance and participation to the
6 Board; and,

7 e. The terms of this Agreement is not reportable to the National Practitioner
8 Data Bank as understood by the parties.

9 **5. Release From Liability.** In execution of this Agreement, the Respondent, for
10 himself, his executors, successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the state of
11 Nevada, the Board, the Nevada Attorney General, and each of their members, agents and
12 employees in their representative capacities, and in their individual capacities, from any and all
13 manner of actions, causes of action, suites, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands
14 whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have
15 or claim to have, against any or all of the persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of
16 or by reason of this investigation, this settlement or its administration.

17 **6. Procedure of Adoption of Agreement.** The IC and counsel for the IC shall
18 recommend approval and adoption of the terms, covenants and conditions contained herein by the
19 Board in resolution of the formal Complaint pending herein against Respondent. In the course of
20 seeking Board approval, adoption and/or acceptance of this Agreement, counsel for the IC may
21 communicate directly with the Board staff and members of the panel of the Board who would
22 adjudicate this case if it were to go to hearing.

23 Respondent acknowledges that such contacts and communication may be made or
24 conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity to be heard on his part or on the part of his
25 counsel until the public Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed, and that such contacts
26 and communications may include, but not be limited to, matters concerning this Agreement, the
27 formal Complaint, and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to the formal
28 Complaint or the proceedings herein against Respondent. The IC and its counsel agree that

1 Respondent and/or his counsel, if any, may appear at the Board meeting where this Agreement is
2 discussed, and if requested, to respond to any questions that may be addressed to the IC or its
3 counsel.

4 7. Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board. In the event the Board approves,
5 accepts and adopts the terms, covenants and conditions set out in this Agreement, counsel for the
6 IC will cause to be entered herein the Board's Order accepting, adopting and approving this
7 Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement, ordering full compliance with the terms herein and
8 ordering that this case be closed.

9 8. Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board. In the event the Board does not
10 approve, accept and adopt the terms covenants and conditions set out in this Agreement, this
11 Agreement shall be null, void, and of no further force and effect except as to the following
12 covenant and agreement regarding disqualification of adjudicating Board panel members.
13 Respondent agrees that, notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing
14 contained herein and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the IC or its counsel to seek
15 acceptance and adoption of this Agreement by the Board shall disqualify any member of the
16 adjudicating panel of the Board from considering the charges against Respondent and participating
17 in the disciplinary proceeding in any role, including adjudication of the case. Respondent further
18 agrees that he shall not seek to disqualify any such member absent evidence of bad faith.

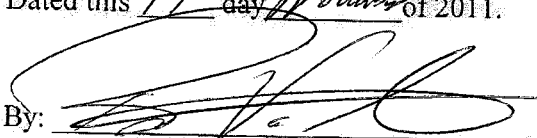
19 9. Binding Effect. Providing this Agreement is approved by the Board, Respondent
20 covenants and agrees that this Agreement is a binding and enforceable contract upon Respondent
21 and the Board's IC, which contract may be enforced in a court or tribunal having jurisdiction.


22 10. Forum Selection Clause. Respondent covenants and agrees that in the event either
23 party is required to seek enforcement of this Agreement in the district court, he consents to such
24 jurisdiction, and covenants and agrees that exclusive jurisdiction shall be in the Second Judicial
25 District Court of the state of Nevada in and for the county of Washoe.

1 **11. Attorneys' Fees and Costs.** Respondent covenants and agrees that in the event an
2 action is commenced in the district court to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the
3 prevailing party shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

4 Dated this 17th day of November of 2011.

Dated this 17th day of November 2011.

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6 By: 
7 Bradley O. Van Ry, Esq.
8 Attorney for the Investigative Committee

By: 
Keith A. Weaver, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

9 Read and understood by:

10 Dated this 17th day of November, 2011.

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12 By: 
13 Ronald Curtis Koe, M.D.

1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the foregoing Settlement, Waiver and Consent Agreement is
2 approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 2nd day of December
3 2011, with the final total amount of costs due of \$2,568.16.

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6 Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., President
7 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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