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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and

**Complaint Against** 

Jorge Hernan Perez-Cardona, M.D.,

Respondent.

Case No. 17-25257-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS By:

### **COMPLAINT**

The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, hereby issues this formal Complaint against Jorge Hernan Perez-Cardona, M.D. (hereinafter referred to as Dr. Perez or Respondent), a licensed physician in Nevada. After investigating this matter, the IC has a reasonable basis to believe that Respondent has violated provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act).

The IC alleges the following facts:

1. Respondent is a medical doctor currently licensed in active status (License No. 10108). Respondent was issued his license from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on March 13, 2002, pursuant to NRS Chapter 630.

### A. Respondent's Procuring and Administering of Drugs Not Approved by the FDA.

2. From about September 2011 to about February 2012, Respondent procured controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as defined in Chapter 454 of NRS, that were not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including, but not limited to, Aloxi, Mabthera and Altuzan (collectively, controlled substances/dangerous drugs), from a pharmacy or pharmacies not licensed to sell controlled substances and dangerous drugs in the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time the filing of this Complaint was approved, was composed of Wayne Hardwick, M.D., Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., and Mr. M. Neil Duxbury.

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State of Nevada, and/or delegated to a medical assistant the task of procuring these aforementioned controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

- On information and belief, Respondent's procurement, whether personally or by 3. his medical assistants at his direction, of the aforementioned controlled substances and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA and from a pharmacy or pharmacies not licensed to sell controlled substances and dangerous drugs in the State of Nevada, was knowing and willful.
- From about September 2011 to about February 2012, Respondent administered to 4. his patients, without verifying their permissible use, controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as defined in Chapter 454 of NRS, that were not approved by the FDA, including, but not limited to, Aloxi, Mabthera and Altuzan, or delegated to a medical assistant the task of verifying the permissible use of the aforementioned.
- On information and belief, Respondent's administration of controlled substances 5. and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA was knowing and willful.
- 6. Pursuant to NAC 630.810(a), a delegating practitioner may delegate to a medical assistant the performance of a task if the delegating practitioner knows that the medical assistant possesses the knowledge, skill and training to perform the task safely and properly, among other requirements.
- Pursuant to NAC 630.830, a delegating practitioner retains responsibility for the 7. safety and performance of each task which is delegated to a medical assistant.

### Count I

### NRS 630.306(1)(q)

## (Knowingly or Willfully Procuring Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs Not Approved by the FDA)

- All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by 8. reference as though fully set forth herein.
- NRS 630.306(1)(q) provides that knowingly or willfully procuring a controlled 9. substance or a dangerous drug that is not approved by the FDA is grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying licensure.

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- 10. Respondent procured, personally or by medical assistant at his direction, controlled substances and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA, including, but not limited to, Aloxi, Mabthera and Altuzan.
- The controlled substances and dangerous drugs at issue were not procured through 11. a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to Chapter 639 of NRS, or through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to Chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328, and were neither marijuana being used for medical purposes in accordance with Chapter 453A of NRS, nor investigational drugs or biological products prescribed to a patient pursuant to NRS 630.3735 or 633.6945.
- 12. Respondent's conduct in procuring the controlled substances and dangerous drugs at issue was knowing and willful.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada 13. State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in NRS 630.352.

### Count II

### NRS 630.306(1)(q)

## (Knowingly or Willfully Administering Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs Not Approved by the FDA)

- 14. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- NRS 630.306(1)(q) provides that knowingly or willfully administering a controlled 15. substance or a dangerous drug that is not approved by the FDA is grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying licensure.
- Respondent administered, personally or by medical assistant at his direction, 16. controlled substances and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA.
- The controlled substances and dangerous drugs at issue were not procured through 17. a retail pharmacy licensed pursuant to Chapter 639 of NRS, or through a Canadian pharmacy which is licensed pursuant to Chapter 639 of NRS and which has been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328, and were neither marijuana being

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used for medical purposes in accordance with Chapter 453A of NRS, nor investigational drugs or biological products prescribed to a patient pursuant to NRS 630.3735 or 633.6945.

- 18. Respondent's conduct in administering the controlled substances and dangerous drugs at issue was knowing and willful.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada 19. State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in NRS 630.352.

### **Count III**

### NRS 630.306(1)(r)

### (Failure to Adequately Supervise a Medical Assistant)

- 20. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- Pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(r), the failure to adequately supervise a medical 21. assistant pursuant to the regulations of the Board is grounds for initiating disciplinary action or denying licensure.
- 22. Respondent failed to adequately supervise the medical assistant or assistants who procured at his direction controlled substances and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA, including, but not limited to, Aloxi, Mabthera and Altuzan.
- 23. Pursuant to NAC 630.830, Respondent, as the delegating practitioner, is professionally responsible for the conduct of his medical assistant or assistants who procured controlled substances and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA.
- 24. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in NRS 630.352.

### **Count IV**

### NRS 630.306(1)(r)

### (Failure to Adequately Supervise a Medical Assistant)

All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by 25. reference as though fully set forth herein.

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- 27. Respondent failed to adequately supervise the medical assistant or assistants who administered at his direction controlled substances and dangerous drugs, as defined in Chapter 454 of NRS, that were not approved by the FDA, including, but not limited to, Aloxi, Mabthera and Altuzan.
- Pursuant to NAC 630.830, Respondent, as the delegating practitioner, is 28. professionally responsible for the conduct of his medical assistant or assistants who administered, without verifying their permissible use, controlled substances and dangerous drugs that were not approved by the FDA.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State 29. Board of Medical Examiners as provided in NRS 630.352.

### WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- 2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sanctions to 3. impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve on 4. Respondent its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and
- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners take such other and further 5. action as may be just and proper in these premises.

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DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2017.

# INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Robert Kilroy, Esq., General Counsel Aaron Bart Fricke, Esq., Deputy General Counsel Attorneys for the Investigative Committee

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### VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA	)
	: SS
COUNTY OF WASHOE	)

Wayne Hardwick, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.

DATED this 231 day of October, 2017.

Maye Hardwick, M.D.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017, I served a file-stamped copy of the COMPLAINT and FINGERPRINT INFORMATION, via USPS e-certified return receipt mail (9171 9690 0935 0096 3215 05) to the following:

Jorge Hernan Perez-Cardona, M.D. 1460 S. Curry Street, #100 Carson City, NV 89703

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.

Kimberly Rosling, Employee