

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

Case No. 24-37768-1

Against:

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SIDHARTH GAUTAM SHARMA, M.D.,

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Respondent.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through William P. Shogren, Deputy General Counsel for the Board and attorney for the IC, and Sidharth Gautam Sharma, M.D. (Respondent), a licensed physician in Nevada, assisted by his attorney, Lisa Z. Zastrow, Esq., of the law firm of Lipson Neilson Cole Seltzer & Garin, P.C., hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) based on the following:<sup>1</sup>

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Respondent is a medical doctor currently licensed by the Board pursuant to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) (collectively, the Medical Practice Act) to practice medicine in Nevada. In 2022, Respondent formally changed his Nevada license status from "active" to "inactive." His license was originally issued on January 24, 2017 (License No. 16901).

2. On March 25, 2024, in Case No. 24-37768-1, the IC filed a formal Complaint (Complaint) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, the Complaint alleges one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Count I), one (1) violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Appropriate Medical Records (Count II), and one (1)

<sup>1</sup> All agreements and admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, Respondent's agreements and admissions 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 proceeding, any state or federal court proceeding, or any credentialing or privileges matter.

1 violation of NRS 630.306(1)(g), Continual Failure to Exercise Skill or Diligence (Count III).  
2 By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in  
3 NRS 630.352.

4 3. Respondent was properly served with a copy of these Complaint, has reviewed and  
5 understands these Complaint, and has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel  
6 concerning the nature and significance of these Complaint.

7 4. Respondent is hereby advised of his rights regarding this administrative matter, and  
8 of his opportunity to defend against the allegations in the Complaint. Specifically, Respondent has  
9 certain rights in this administrative matter as set out by the United States Constitution, the Nevada  
10 Constitution, the Medical Practice Act, the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML), which is  
11 contained in NRS Chapter 241, and the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which is  
12 contained in NRS Chapter 233B and 622A. These rights include the right to a formal hearing on  
13 the allegations in the Complaint, the right to representation by counsel, at his own expense, in the  
14 preparation and presentation of his defense, the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses  
15 and evidence against him, the right to written findings of fact, conclusions of law and order  
16 reflecting the final decision of the Board, and the right to judicial review of the Board's order, if  
17 the decision is adverse to him.

18 5. Respondent understands that, under the Board's charge to protect the public by  
19 regulating the practice of medicine, the Board may take disciplinary action against Respondent's  
20 license, including license probation, license suspension, license revocation and imposition of  
21 administrative fines, as well as any other reasonable requirement or limitation, if the Board  
22 concludes that Respondent violated one or more provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

23 6. Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement, by and between  
24 Respondent and the IC, is not with the Board, and that the IC will present this Agreement to the  
25 Board for consideration in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled meeting. Respondent  
26 understands that the IC shall advocate for the Board's approval of this Agreement, but that the  
27 Board has the right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement.  
28 Respondent further understands and agrees that if the Board approves this Agreement, then the

1 terms and conditions enumerated below shall be binding and enforceable upon him and the Board.

2 **B. TERMS & CONDITIONS**

3 **NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to resolve the matters addressed herein, i.e., the matters  
4 with regard to the Complaints, Respondent and the IC hereby agree to the following terms and  
5 conditions:

6 1. **Jurisdiction.** Respondent is, and at all times relevant to the Complaint has been, a  
7 physician licensed to practice medicine in Nevada subject to the jurisdiction of the Board as set  
8 forth in the Medical Practice Act.

9 2. **Representation by Counsel/Knowing, Willing and Intelligent Agreement.**  
10 Respondent acknowledges he is represented by counsel, and wishes to resolve the matters  
11 addressed herein with said counsel. Respondent agrees that if representation by counsel in this  
12 matter materially changes prior to entering into this Agreement and for the duration of this  
13 Agreement, that counsel for the IC will be timely notified of the material change. Respondent  
14 agrees that he knowingly, willingly and intelligently enters into this Agreement after deciding to  
15 have a full consultation with and upon the advice of legal counsel.

16 3. **Waiver of Rights.** In connection with this Agreement, and the associated terms  
17 and conditions, Respondent knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives all rights in connection  
18 with this administrative matter. Respondent hereby knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives  
19 all rights arising under the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, the Medical  
20 Practice Act, the OML, the APA, and any other legal rights that may be available to him or that  
21 may apply to him in connection with the administrative proceedings resulting from the Complaints  
22 filed in this matter, including defense of the Complaints, adjudication of the allegations set forth in  
23 the Complaints, and imposition of any disciplinary actions or sanctions ordered by the Board.  
24 Respondent agrees to settle and resolve the allegations of the Complaints as set out by this  
25 Agreement, without a hearing or any further proceedings and without the right to judicial review.

26 4. **Acknowledgement of Reasonable Basis to Proceed.** As of the time of entering  
27 into this Settlement Agreement, the allegations of the Complaints remain unproven. Respondent  
28 acknowledges that the IC believes it has a reasonable basis to allege that Respondent engaged in

1 conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. The IC acknowledges  
2 Respondent is not admitting that the IC's claims/counts as alleged in the Complaint have merit  
3 and Respondent is agreeing to resolve this matter to avoid the costs of hearing and potential  
4 subsequent litigation. Respondent asserts if this matter were to proceed to hearing, he has  
5 evidence, witnesses, expert witness(es) and defenses to the counts/claims alleged in the  
6 Complaint, but for the purposes of resolving the matter and for no other purpose, Respondent  
7 waives the presentation of evidence, witnesses, expert witnesses, and defenses in order to  
8 effectuate this Agreement.

9 5. **Consent to Entry of Order.** In order to resolve these Complaint pending against  
10 Respondent, Respondent hereby agrees that the Board may issue an order finding that Respondent  
11 engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act.  
12 Accordingly, the following terms and conditions are hereby agreed upon:

13 a. Respondent admits to Count II, NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain  
14 Appropriate Medical Records.

15 b. Respondent will pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation  
16 and prosecution of the above-referenced matter, in the amount of four-thousand, seven-hundred  
17 forty-one dollars and ninety-three cents (\$4,741.93), with those costs and expenses to be  
18 immediately stayed, until such time as Respondent applies for license status change to active  
19 status. Respondent is thereby ordered to pay the aforementioned costs and expenses immediately  
20 upon submitting his application for status change to active status.

21 c. Respondent shall perform a total of four (4) hours of Continuing Medical  
22 Education (CME) related to the subject of best practices in prescribing, with this requirement to be  
23 immediately stayed, until such time as Respondent applies for license status change to active  
24 status. Respondent is thereby ordered to provide proof of completion of the aforementioned CME  
25 hours to the Board immediately upon submitting his application for status change to active status.

26 d. This Agreement shall be reported to the appropriate entities and parties as  
27 required by law, including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.

28 e. Respondent shall receive a Public Letter of Reprimand.

1 f. The remaining counts of the Complaint (Count I and III), and any other  
2 claims arising from the Board's corresponding investigative case file(s), shall be dismissed with  
3 prejudice.

4 6. **Release from Liability.** In execution of this Agreement, Respondent understands  
5 and agrees that the State of Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel,  
6 investigators, experts, peer reviewers, committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents  
7 are immune from civil liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to  
8 information acquired by the Board. NRS 630.364(2)(a). Respondent agrees to release the State of  
9 Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers,  
10 committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents from any and all manner of actions,  
11 causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and  
12 unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have, against  
13 any or all of the persons, government agencies or entities named in this paragraph arising out of,  
14 or by reason of, this investigation, this Agreement or the administration of the case referenced  
15 herein.

16 7. **Procedure for Adoption of Agreement.** The IC and counsel for the IC shall  
17 recommend approval and adoption of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the Board in  
18 resolution of these Complaints. In the course of seeking Board acceptance, approval and adoption  
19 of this Agreement, counsel for the IC may communicate directly with the Board staff and the  
20 adjudicating members of the Board. Respondent acknowledges that such contacts and  
21 communications may be made or conducted ex-parte, without notice or opportunity to be heard on  
22 his part until the public Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed, and that such contacts  
23 and communications may include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Agreement,  
24 the Complaints and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to this matter. The  
25 IC and its counsel agree that Respondent and/or Counsel for the Respondent may appear at the  
26 Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed and, if requested, respond to any questions that  
27 may be addressed to the IC or the IC's counsel.

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1           8.     **Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board accepts,  
2 approves and adopts this Agreement, the Board shall issue a final order, making this Agreement  
3 an order of the Board, and, pending full compliance with the terms herein, the case shall be closed  
4 and all remaining claims arising out of the Complaints shall be dismissed with prejudice.

5           9.     **Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board does not  
6 accept, approve and adopt this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null, void and of no force and  
7 effect except as to the following agreement regarding adjudications: (1) Respondent agrees that,  
8 notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing contained in this Agreement  
9 and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the IC to seek the Board's acceptance of this  
10 Agreement shall disqualify any member of the adjudicating panel of the Board from considering  
11 these Complaints and from participating in disciplinary proceedings against Respondent, including  
12 adjudication of this case; and (2) Respondent further agrees that he shall not seek to disqualify any  
13 such member absent evidence of bad faith.

14          10.    **Binding Effect.** If approved by the Board, Respondent understands that this  
15 Agreement is a binding and enforceable contract upon Respondent and the Board.

16          11.    **Forum Selection Clause.** The parties agree that in the event either party is  
17 required to seek enforcement of this Agreement in district court, the party's consent to such  
18 jurisdiction and agree that exclusive jurisdiction shall be in the Second Judicial District Court,  
19 State of Nevada, Washoe County.

20          12.    **Attorneys' Fees and Costs.** The parties agree that in the event an action is  
21 commenced in district court to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall  
22 be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

23          13.    **Failure to Comply with Terms.** Should Respondent fail to comply with any term  
24 or condition of this Agreement once the Agreement has been accepted, approved and adopted by  
25 the Board, the IC shall be authorized to immediately suspend Respondent's license to practice  
26 medicine in Nevada pending an Order to Show Cause Hearing, which will be duly noticed.  
27 Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including failure to pay any fines, costs,  
28 expenses or fees owed to the Board, is a failure to comply with an order of the Board, which may

1 result in additional disciplinary action being taken against Respondent. NRS 630.3065(2)(a).  
2 Further, Respondent's failure to remit payment to the Board for monies agreed to be paid as a  
3 condition of this Agreement may subject Respondent to civil collection efforts.

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5 DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024. DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.  
6 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LIPSON NEILSON COLE SELTZER &  
7 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL GARIN, P.C.  
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17 DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2024.  
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19 SIDHARTH GAUTAM SHARMA, M.D.,  
20 Nevada License No. 16901  
21 Respondent  
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**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, the foregoing Settlement Agreement (Case No. 24-37768-1 )  
was approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 13th day of  
December, 2024.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2024.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS

By:



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