BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Amended)
Petition to Revoke Probation)
Against:)
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Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D.) Case No. 800-2014-002712
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Physician's and Surgeon's)
Certificate No. A 24538)
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Respondent)
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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2016 .

IT IS SO ORDERED May 13, 2016.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Kimberly Kirchmeyer

Executive Director

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9	BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CAI	LIFORNIA
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUM STATE OF CALIFOR	
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12	In the Matter of the Amended Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. 800-2014-002712
13	MAHER NASHED ABADIR, M.D.	OAH No. 2016020771
14	1501 Country View Drive Modesto, CA 95356	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538,	
16	Respondent.	
17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED &	by and between the parties to the above-
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
19	PARTIES	
20	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Ex	xecutive Director of the Medical Board
21	of California. She brought this action solely in her officia	l capacity and is represented in this
22	matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State	e of California, by Wendy Widlus,
23	Deputy Attorney General.	
24	2. Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D. (Respondent) is	represented in this proceeding by
25	attorney Ivan W. Golde, whose address is 1611 Telegraph	Avenue, Suite 1026, Oakland, CA
26	94612.	
27	3. On or about December 6, 1971, the Medical E	Board of California (Board) issued
28	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538 to Res	pondent. The Physician's and Surgeon'

Certificate expired on December 31, 2011, has not been renewed, and is in a delinquent status.

4. On October 7, 2010, Respondent's license to practice medicine was suspended pursuant to an *ex parte* order issued by authority of California Government Code section 11529.

JURISDICTION

- 5. In a disciplinary action entitled In the Matter of Accusation Against Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D., Case No. 02-2010-206932, the Medical Board of California, issued a decision, effective November 15, 2012, in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with certain terms and conditions.
- 6. Amended Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2014-002712 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Amended Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 18, 2016. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Petition to Revoke Probation. A copy of Amended Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2014-002712 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 7. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Amended Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2014-002712.

 Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 8. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Amended Petition to Revoke Probation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

9. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 10. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Amended Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2014-002712, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 11. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538, issued to Respondent Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Medical Board of California.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Medical Board of California.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Amended Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2014-002712 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Amended Petition to Revoke Probation, No. 800-2014-002712 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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27 28 ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Ivan W. Golde. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 3/31/16

Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D.

Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: March 22,2016

Ivan W. Golde

Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: i//4//6

Respectfully submitted,

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WENDY WIDLUS
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Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Amended Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2014-002712

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11 12	In the Matter of the Amended Petition to Revoke Probation Against,	Case No. 800-2014-002712
13 14 15	MAHER NASHED ABADIR, M.D. 1501 Country View Drive Modesto, CA 95356 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538,	AMENDED PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION
16	Respondent.	
17 18	Complainant alleges:	-
19		TIES
20	Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant)) brings this Amended Petition to Revoke
21	Probation solely in her official capacity as the Ex	xecutive Director of the Medical Board of
22	California, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
23	2. On or about December 6, 1971, the l	Medical Board of California issued Physician's
24	and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 24538 to M	Taher Nashed Abadir, M.D. (Respondent). The
25	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expired on	December 31, 2011, has not been renewed, and
26	is in a delinquent status.	
27	3. On October 7, 2010, Respondent's l	icense to practice medicine was suspended
28	pursuant to an ex parte order in Case No. 02-201	10-206932 issued by authority of California
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AMENDED PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION (Case No. 800-2014-002712)

Government Code section 11529.

4. In a disciplinary action entitled "In the Matter of Accusation Against Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D.," Case No. 02-2010-206932, the Medical Board of California, issued a decision, effective November 15, 2012, in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with certain terms and conditions. A copy of that decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

JURISDICTION

- 5. This Amended Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Medical Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws.

 All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 6. Section 2001.1 of the Code states:

"Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Medical Board of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount."

- 7. Section 2227 of the Code states:
- "(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the [b]oard, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
 - "(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
- "(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
- "(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
- "(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.

"(5) Hav	ve any other actio	n taken in rela	tion to	discipline	as part	of an c	order of	probation	, as
the board or a	n administrative l	aw judge may	deem p	roper.					

- "(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1."
 - 8. Section 2234 of the Code, states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.
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- "(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
 - "(f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

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FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Failure to Successfully Complete a Clinical Training Program)

- 9. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 7 stated:
- "CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical training or educational program equivalent to the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE) offered at the University of California -San Diego School of Medicine ('Program').
 - "The Program shall consist of a Comprehensive Assessment program comprised of a two-

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day assessment of Respondents physical and mental health; basic clinical and communication skills common to all clinicians; and medical knowledge, skill and judgment pertaining to Respondent specialty or sub-specialty, and at a minimum, a 40-hour program of clinical education in the area of practice in which Respondent was alleged to be deficient and which takes into account data obtained from the assessment, Decision (s), Accusation (s), and any other information that the Board, or its designee, deems relevant. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical training program.

"Based on Respondent's performance and test results in the assessment and clinical education, the Program will advise the Board, or its designee, of its recommendation (s) for the scope and length of any additional educational or clinical training, treatment for any medical condition, treatment for any psychological condition, or anything else affecting the Respondent's practice of medicine.

"Respondent shall comply with Program recommendations.

"At the completion of any additional educational or clinical training, Respondent shall submit to and pass an examination. The Program's determination whether or not Respondent pass the examination or successfully completed Program shall be binding.

"Respondent shall complete the Program not later than six months after Respondent's initial enrollment unless the Board, or its designee, agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

Failure to participate in and complete successfully all phases of the clinical training program outlined above is a violation of probation.

"Respondent shall not practice medicine until Respondent has successfully completed the Program and has been so notified by the Board, or its designee, in writing, except that Respondent may practice in a clinical training program approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent's practice of medicine shall be restricted only to that which is required by the approved training program.

"After Respondent has successfully completed the clinical training program, Respondent shall participate in a professional enhancement program equivalent to the one offered by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego

School of Medicine, which shall include quarterly chart review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's expense during the term of probation, or until the Board, or its designee, determines that further participation is no longer necessary.

"Failure to participate in and complete successfully the professional enhancement program outlined above is a violation of probation."

- 10. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 7, referenced above. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:
- A. After Respondent completed the second phase of the PACE assessment, PACE found that Respondent's overall performance of the comprehensive seven day physician assessment was consistent with a "Failed, Category 4." This Category signifies a performance which is not compatible with overall physician competency and safe practice. Therefore, Respondent failed to participate in and complete successfully all phases of the PACE clinical training program.

SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

(Failure to Submit to Biological Fluid Testing)

11. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 5 stated:

"BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon the request of the Board or its designee. Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall, at Respondent's expense, contract with the laboratory or service-approved in advance by the Board, or its designee-that will conduct random, unannounced, observed, urine testing a minimum of four times each month. The contract shall require results of the urine test to be transmitted by the laboratory or service directly to the Board, or its designee, within four hours of the results becoming available. Failure to maintain this laboratory service during the period of probation is a violation of probation. A certified copy of the laboratory test results may be received in evidence in any proceedings between the Board and Respondent. Failure to submit to or comply with the timeframe for submitting to, or failure to complete the required biological fluid testing, is a violation of probation."

- 12. Respondent was required to contact the FirstLab system by phone or Internet each day and report for biological fluid testing if so advised.
- 13. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 5, referenced above. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to submit to the required biological fluid testing during the course of his probation. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:
- A. Respondent enrolled in FirstLab on November 28, 2012. From Respondent's enrollment date of November 28, 2012, through August 7, 2013, Respondent missed 140 daily call-ins to FirstLab.
- B. From Respondent's enrollment date of November 28, 2012, through August 7, 2013, Respondent failed to appear for collection of his urine 16 times.
- C. From and including August 8, 2013, through October 19, 2015, Respondent missed 485 daily call-ins to FirstLab.
- D. From and including August 8, 2013, through October 19, 2015, Respondent failed to appear for collection of his urine 86 times.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

14. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about November 15, 2012, in a prior disciplinary action entitled In the Matter of Accusation Against Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D., Case No. 02-2010-206932, the Medical Board of California issued a decision, effective November 15, 2012, in which Respondent's Physician's Certificate was revoked, but the revocation was stayed, as set forth above. That decision is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking the probation that was granted by the Medical Board of California in Case No. 02-2010-206932 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538 issued to Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D.;

Exhibit A

Decision and Order

Medical Board of California Case No. 02-2010-206932

BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:))
MAHER NASHED ABADIR, M.D.) Case No. 02-2010-206932
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 24538)))
Respondent.))

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2012,

IT IS SO ORDERED October 16, 2012.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By:

Barbara Yaroslavsky, Chai

Panel A

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8	DEPARTMENT OF C	OF CALIFORNIA ONSUMER AFFAIRS
9	STATE OF C	ALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 02-2010-206932
11	MAHER NASHED ABADIR, M.D. 1501 Country View Drive	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER
12	Modesto, California 95356	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
13	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A24538	
14	Respondent.	
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17		REED by and between the parties to the above-
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters as	re true:
19	PAR	TIES
20	1. Linda K. Whitney (Complainant) is	the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
21	California. She brought this action solely in her	•
22	by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the St	ate of California, by Gail M. Heppell,
23	Supervising Deputy Attorney General.	
24	•	M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
25		ess is Law Offices of Ivan Golde, 1611 Telegraph
26	Avenue, Suite 1026, Oakland, CA 94612.	
27		Medical-Board-of-California-issued Physician's
28	and Surgeon's No. A24538 to Maher Nashed Ab	eadir, M.D. Said license is current and will expire
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on December 31, 2011, unless renewed. On October 7, 2010, Respondent's license to practice

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9. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's License No. A24538, issued to Respondent Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D., is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. <u>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - PARTIAL RESTRICTION</u> Respondent shall not order, prescribe, dispense, administer, or possess any controlled substances as defined by the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, except for those drugs listed in Schedules IV and V of the Act.

Respondent shall not issue an oral or written recommendation or approval to a patient or a patient's primary caregiver for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5. If Respondent forms the medical opinion, after a good faith prior examination, that a patient's medical condition may benefit from the use of marijuana, Respondent shall so inform the patient and shall refer the patient to another physician who, following a good faith examination, may independently issue a medically appropriate recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5. In addition, Respondent shall inform the patient or the patient's primary caregiver that Respondent is prohibited from issuing a recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient, and that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver may not rely on Respondent's statements to legally possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient. Respondent shall fully document in the patient's chart that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver was so informed. Nothing in this condition prohibits Respondent from providing the patient or the patient's primary caregiver information about the possible medical benefits resulting from the use of marijuana.

RECORDS AND INVENTORIES Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered or possessed by Respondent, and any recommendation or approval which enables a patient or patient's primary caregiver to possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5, during probation, showing all the following: (1) the name and address of the patient; (2) the date; (3) the character and quantity of controlled substances involved; and (4) the indications and diagnoses for which the controlled substance was furnished.

Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order. All records and any inventories of controlled substances shall be available for immediate inspection

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and copying on the premises by the Board, or its designee, at all times during business hours and shall be retained for the entire term of probation.

Failure to maintain all records, to provide immediate access to the inventory, or to make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises, is a violation of probation.

3. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE Respondent shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide illness or condition.

Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawful prescription medications, Respondent shall notify the Board, or its designce, of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and telephone number; medication name and strength; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and telephone number.

- 4. <u>ALCOHOL ABSTAIN FROM USE</u> Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of products or beverages containing alcohol.
- 5. <u>BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING</u> Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon the request of the Board, or its designee. Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall, at Respondent's expense, contract with a laboratory or service approved in advance by the Board, or its designee that will conduct random, unannounced, observed, urine testing a minimum of four times each month. The contract shall require results of the urine test to be transmitted by the laboratory or service directly to Board, or its designee, within four hours of the results becoming available. Failure to maintain this laboratory service during the period of probation is a violation of probation. A certified copy of the laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any proceedings between the Board and Respondent. Failure to submit to or comply with the time frame for

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 submitting to, or failure to complete the required biological fluid testing, is a violation of probation.

6. <u>ETHICS COURSE</u> Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in ethics, at Respondent's expense, approved in advance by the Board, or its designee. Failure to successfully complete the course during the first year of probation is a violation of probation.

An ethics course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board, or its designee, be accepted toward the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board, or its designee, had the course been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board, or its designee, not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

7. <u>CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM</u> Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical training or educational program equivalent to the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE) offered at the University of California - San Diego School of Medicine ("Program").

The Program shall consist of a Comprehensive Assessment program comprised of a two-day assessment of Respondent's physical and mental health; basic clinical and communication skills common to all clinicians; and medical knowledge, skill and judgment pertaining to Respondent's specialty or sub-specialty, and at minimum, a 40-hour program of clinical education in the area of practice in which Respondent was alleged to be deficient and which takes into account data obtained from the assessment, Decision(s), Accusation(s), and any other information that the Board, or its designee, deems relevant. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical training program.

Based on Respondent's performance and test results in the assessment and clinical education, the Program will advise the Board, or its designee, of its recommendation(s) for the scope and length of any additional educational or clinical training, treatment for any medical

condition, treatment for any psychological condition, or anything else affecting Respondent's practice of medicine. Respondent shall comply with Program recommendations.

At the completion of any additional educational or clinical training, Respondent shall submit to and pass an examination. The Program's determination whether or not Respondent passed the examination or successfully completed the Program shall be binding.

Respondent shall complete the Program not later than six months after Respondent's initial enrollment unless the Board, or its designee, agrees in writing to a later time for completion.

Failure to participate in and complete successfully all phases of the clinical training program outlined above is a violation of probation.

Respondent shall not practice medicine until Respondent has successfully completed the Program and has been so notified by the Board, or its designee, in writing, except that Respondent may practice in a clinical training program approved by the Board, or its designee. Respondent's practice of medicine shall be restricted only to that which is required by the approved training program.

After Respondent has successfully completed the clinical training program, Respondent shall participate in a professional enhancement program equivalent to the one offered by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, which shall include quarterly chart review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's expense during the term of probation, or until the Board, or its designee, determines that further participation is no longer necessary.

Failure to participate in and complete successfully the professional enhancement program outlined above is a violation of probation.

8. <u>PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION</u> Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter may be required by the Board, or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation (and psychological testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board -appointed board certified psychiatrist, who shall consider any information provided by the Board, or its designee, and any other information the

psychiatrist deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board, or its designee. Psychiatric evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of the Decision shall not be accepted toward the fulfillment of this requirement. Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychiatric evaluations and psychological testing.

Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluating psychiatrist within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board, or its designee. Failure to undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation and psychological testing, or comply with the required additional conditions or restrictions, is a violation of probation.

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine until notified by the Board, or its designee, that Respondent is mentally fit to practice medicine safely. The period of time that Respondent is not practicing medicine shall not be counted toward completion of the term of probation.

- 9. <u>SOLO PRACTICE</u> Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of medicine.
- 10. NOTIFICATION Prior to engaging in the practice of medicine, Respondent shall provide a true copy of the Decision(s) and Accusation(s) to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board, or its designee, within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

- 11. <u>SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS</u> During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants.
- 12. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.

 13. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than ten (10) calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

14. <u>PROBATION UNIT COMPLIANCE</u> Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board, or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's place of residence.

Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license.

Respondent shall immediately inform the Board, or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than 30 calendar days.

- 15 INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall be available in person for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with the Board, or its designee, upon request at various intervals, and either with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.
- 16. RESIDING OR PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, Respondent shall notify the Board, or its designee, in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program outside the State of California which has been approved by the Board, or its designee, shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine within the State. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term. Periods of temporary or

permanent residence or practice outside California will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; Probation Unit Compliance; and Cost Recovery.

Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if Respondent's periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California total two years. However, Respondent's license shall not be cancelled as long as Respondent is Residing and practicing medicine in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the medical licensing authority of that state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date probation is completed or terminated in that state.

17. FAILURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE - CALIFORNIA RESIDENT

In the event Respondent resides in the State of California and for any reason Respondent stops practicing medicine in California, Respondent shall notify the Board, or its designee, in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to practice. Any period of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term and does not relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of probation. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding 30 calendar days in which Respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code.

All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board, or its designee, shall be considered time spent in the practice of medicine. For purposes of this condition, non-practice due to a Board-ordered suspension or in compliance with any other condition of probation, shall not be considered a period of non-practice.

Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if Respondent resides in California and, for a total of two years, fails to engage in California in any of the activities described in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052.

18. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., cost recovery, restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior

to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

- 19. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- 20. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this Decision, if Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request the voluntary surrender of Respondent's license. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender; Respondent shall, within 15 calendar days, deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board, or its designee, and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation and the surrender of Respondent's license shall be deemed disciplinary action. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.
- 21. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Division, which are currently set at \$3,999 but may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board, or its designee, no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Failure to pay costs within 30 calendar days of the due date is a violation of probation.

1	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>
2	I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
3	discussed it with my attorney, Ivan Golde. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have
4	on my Physician's and Surgeon's License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
5	Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order
6	of the Medical Board of California.
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8	DATED: 6/11/2012 Well Noshed Abader 41/2.
9	MAHER NASHED ABADIR, M.D. Respondent
10	I concur with this stipulated settlement.
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12	DATED: May 31 2012 - De
13	Ivan Golde Attorney for Respondent
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15	ENDORSEMENT
16	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
17	submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer
18	Affairs.
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20	Dated: 7/5/12 Respectfully submitted,
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12 !	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 02-2010-206932	
13	MAHER NASHED ABADIR, M.D.		
14	1501 Country View Drive Modesto, California 95356	ACCUSATION	
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate		
16	Number A24538		
17	Respondent)	
. 18	Complainant alleges:		
19	PAR	TIES	
20	1. Linda K. Whitney ("Complainant")	brings this Accusation solely in her official	
21	capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer		
22	Affairs, State of California ("Board").		
23	2. On or about December 6, 1971, the	Board issued physician's and surgeon's certificate	
24	number A24538 ("license") to Maher Nashed A	badir ("Respondent"). The license was in full	
25	force and effect at all times relevant to the charg	es brought hereon, and will expire on December	
_ 26	31, 2011, unless renewed. On October 7, 2010,	Respondent's license to practice medicine was	
27	suspended pursuant to an ex parte order issued to	by authority of California Government Code	
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JURISDICTION

- This Accusation is brought before the Board under authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 The Medical Practice Act ("MPA") is codified at sections 2000-2521.
- 5. Pursuant to section 2001.1, the Board's highest priority is public protection.
- 6. Section 2227(a) provides as follows:

A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the [B]oard, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:

- (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the division.
- (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the division.
- (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the division.
- (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the division.
- (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the division or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
- 7. Section 2234 reads, in relevant part, as follows:

The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct.

8. Section 2236(a) reads, as follows:

The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact the conviction occurred.

California Business and Professions Code section 2002, as amended and effective January 1, 2008, provides that, unless otherwise expressly provided, the term "[B]oard" as used in the Medical Practice Act refers to the Medical Board of California. References to the "Division of Medical Quality" and "Division of Licensing" set forth in the Medical Practice Act are also referable to the Medical Board of California.

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9. Section 2239(a) provides in relevant part:

The use or prescribing for or administering to himself... of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022...to the extent or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely... or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

10. Section 2242(a) provides:

Prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4022² without an appropriate prior examination and a medical indication, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Offense Substantially Related to the Practice of Medicine)
[B&P Code Section 2236(a)]

- Respondent is a physician and surgeon, specializing in anesthesiology. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against his medical license under section 2236(a) because or about April 20, 2010, Respondent pleaded no contest in Santa Barbara County Superior Court case number 1300073 to the misdemeanor charge of maliciously and willfully disturbing another person by loud and unreasonable noise [Penal Code section 415(2)]. Secondary to his no contest plea. Respondent was placed on probation for a term of three years, ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, and ordered to complete 12 sessions of anger management counseling.
- The conviction was based on Respondent's September 11, 2009, arrest in Santa Barbara County secondary to a verbal and physical confrontation he had with his girlfriend at the time; a woman named Elena Deist ("Ms. Deist"). Although he ultimately reached the plea agreement referenced in the preceding paragraph, Respondent was initially charged with five

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² Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022, any drug that requires a prescription to be lawfully dispensed is considered a "dangerous drug".

1	misdemeanor counts. The charges included battery against a person with whom the defendant
2	has/had a dating relationship, false imprisonment, and malicious prevention/dissuasion from
3	giving testimony at an inquiry authorized by law.
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5 6	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Self-Prescription of Controlled Substances) [B&P Code Section 2239(a); Health and Safety Code Section 11170]
7	13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against his medical license under
	section 2239(a) and Health and Safety Code section 11170. From at least August 25, 2007
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9	through at least September 3, 2010, Respondent prescribed himself large quantities of controlled
-10	substances, including Norco, Valium, and Ativan.
11	14. Norco is a Schedule III controlled substance. It is a narcotic pain reliever with a high
12	potential for abuse. Both Valium and Ativan are Schedule IV controlled substances. They are
13	benzodiazepines, primarily used to treat anxiety.
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15	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Obtaining Controlled Substances through Fraud, Deceit, or Misrepresentation) [B&P Code Section 2239(a); Health and Safety Code Section 11173]
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17	15. Complainant hereby incorporates paragraphs 13-14 of the instant Accusation as
18	though fully set forth herein.
19	16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against his medical license under section
20	2239(a) and Health and Safety Code section 11170 in that he utilized fraud, deception, and deceit
21	in an effort to conceal the fact that he was self-prescribing. Respondent's full name is "Maher
22	Nashed Abadir". He wrote the bulk of the prescriptions to himself as "Maher Nashed", omitting
23	his last name. Further, Respondent utilized multiple pharmacies to obtain the wrongly procured
24	controlled substances in a further effort to cloak his unprofessional and illegal actions.
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[B&P Code Section 2234(c)].

 22. Complainant hereby incorporates paragraphs 15-16 of the instant Accusation as though fully set forth herein.

- 23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against his medical license under section 2234(e) in that he committed multiple acts of dishonesty by using fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation to procure controlled substances for his own use.
- 24. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action against his medical license under section 2234(e) for making numerous dishonest statements to Medical Board of California ("MBC")-investigators during-a September 22, 2010, interview: For example, Respondent initially claimed that he takes Norco for chronic back pain, and that he receives his Norco prescriptions from a fellow anesthesiologist who specializes in back pain. Later in the interview, when confronted with photographs of prescription pill bottles showing himself as the prescribing physician. Respondent admitted that he has been self-prescribing Norco.
- Respondent was also dishonest about his level of Norco use during the MBC interview. Initially, Respondent claimed that he takes approximately four Norco tablets per day when he has back pain, but that he does not exceed twenty tablets per week. He later stated that he takes 8-12 Norco tablets per day. As a further example of Respondent's dishonesty during his MBC interview, he at first stated that he takes Norco 80% for need and 20% for desire, and then later said it is actually 50% for need, and 50% for desire.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending physician's and surgeon's certificate number A24538, issued to Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D.,
- 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician's assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;

1	3. Ordering Maher Nashed Abadir, M.D., to pay the costs of probation monitoring, if placed
2	on probation; and,
3	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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