

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

**In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:**

Nazih Michel Haddad, M.D.

Case No. 800-2019-054012

**Physician's & Surgeon's
Certificate No A 31234**

Respondent

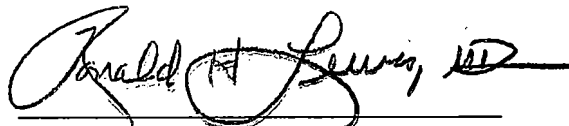
DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 June 9, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 10, 2021.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**Ronald H. Lewis, M.D., Chair
Panel A**

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16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
No. A 31234,

17 Respondent.
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Case No. 800-2019-054012

OAH No. 2020100768

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
21 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
24 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
25 matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by LeAnna E. Shields,
26 Deputy Attorney General.

27 2. Respondent Nazih Michel Haddad, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
28 proceeding by attorneys Dennis K. Ames, Esq., and Pogey Henderson, Esq., with La Follette,

1 Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames, whose address is: 2677 North Main Street, Suite 901, Santa
2 Ana, CA 92705-6632.

3 3. On or about June 24, 1977, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
4 No. A 31234 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and
5 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2019-054012, and will
6 expire on November 30, 2021, unless renewed.

7 **JURISDICTION**

8 4. On August 31, 2020, Accusation No. 800-2019-054012 was filed before the Board,
9 and is currently pending against Respondent. On August 31, 2020, a true and correct copy of
10 Accusation No. 800-2019-054012 and all other statutorily required documents were properly
11 served on Respondent. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

12 5. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. 800-2019-054012 is attached as Exhibit A
13 and incorporated herein by reference.

14 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

15 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and fully understands the
16 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-054012. Respondent has also carefully read,
17 fully discussed with his counsel, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement
18 and Disciplinary Order.

19 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
20 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine
21 the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right
22 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
23 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
24 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

25 8. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently
26 waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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1 other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the Board does not, in its
2 discretion, approve and adopt this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, with the
3 exception of this paragraph, it shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value
4 whatsoever, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party
5 hereto. Respondent further agrees that should this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order
6 be rejected for any reason by the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board, or any
7 member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review, discussion and/or consideration of this
8 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order or of any matter or matters related hereto.

9 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

10 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to
11 be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the
12 agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

13 15. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order,
14 including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and
15 signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

16 16. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
17 the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by Respondent, issue and enter
18 the following Disciplinary Order:

19 DISCIPLINARY ORDER

20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 31234 issued
21 to Respondent NAZIH MICHEL HADDAD, M.D., shall be and is hereby publicly reprimanded
22 pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 2227, subdivision (a)(4). This
23 Public Reprimand, which is issued in connection with Accusation No. 800-2019-054012, is as
24 follows:

25 In or around May 2016 and January 2017, Respondent committed repeated negligent acts in
26 his care and treatment of Patient A in that he failed to maintain a complete and legible medical
27 chart in his pre-operative notes, failed to properly monitor and/or document the monitoring of

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1 Patient A's vital signs right before surgery and intraoperatively, and failed to prepare a detailed
2 operative report, as more fully described in Accusation No. 800-2019-054012.

3 1. MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of the effective
4 date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping approved in
5 advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the approved course provider
6 with any information and documents that the approved course provider may deem pertinent.
7 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course
8 not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully
9 complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The medical
10 record keeping course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing
11 Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

12 A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the
13 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board
14 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have
15 been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of
16 this Decision.

17 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its
18 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than
19 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

20 2. EDUCATION COURSE. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Decision,
21 Respondent shall complete not less than forty (40) hours of Continuing Medical Education
22 (CME). The CME courses shall be aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or
23 knowledge in plastic surgery. The forty (40) hours of CME shall be at Respondent's expense and
24 shall be in addition to the CME requirements for renewal of licensure. Respondent shall submit
25 proof of completion to the Board or its designee.

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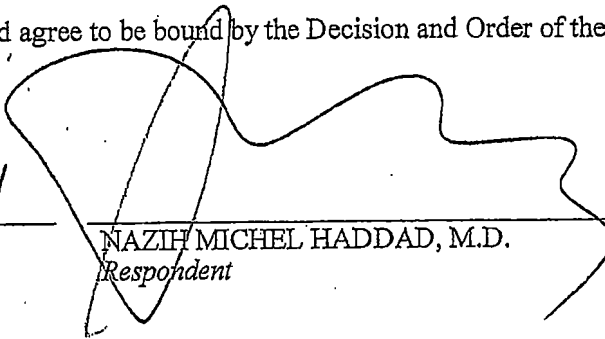
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1 ACCEPTANCE

2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and, having
3 the benefit of counsel, I enter into it freely, voluntarily, intelligently, and with full knowledge of
4 its force and effect on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 31234. I fully understand
5 that, after signing this stipulation, I may not withdraw from it, that it shall be submitted to the
6 Medical Board of California for its consideration, and that the Board shall have a reasonable
7 period of time to consider and act on this stipulation after receiving it. By entering into this
8 stipulation, I fully understand that, upon formal acceptance by the Board, I shall be publicly
9 reprimanded by the Board and shall be required to comply with all of the terms and conditions of
10 the Disciplinary Order set forth above. I also fully understand that any failure to comply with the
11 terms and conditions of the Disciplinary Order set forth above shall constitute unprofessional
12 conduct and will subject my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 31234 to further
13 disciplinary action. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily,
14 knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical
15 Board of California.

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17 DATED: 3/17/21


18 NAZIH MICHEL HADDAD, M.D.
19 Respondent

20 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Nazih Michel Haddad, M.D., the terms
21 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
22 Order. I approve its form and content.

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24 DATED: 3/17/21


25 DENNIS L. JAMES, ESQ.
26 POGHEY HENDERSON, ESQ.
27 Attorneys for Respondent

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1 **ENDORSEMENT**

2 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
3 submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

4 DATED: March 17, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

5 XAVIER BECERRA
6 Attorney General of California
7 MATTHEW M. DAVIS
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2019-054012

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A C C U S A T I O N

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
17 **No. A 31234,**

Respondent.

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20 Complainant alleges:

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity
23 as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
24 (Board).

25 2. On or about June 24, 1977, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
26 Certificate No. A 31234 to Nazih Michel Haddad, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and
27 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
28 herein and will expire on November 30, 2021, unless renewed.

1 JURISDICTION

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following
3 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
4 indicated.

5 4. Section 2227 of the Code states:

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

9 (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

10 (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one
11 year upon order of the board.

12 (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation
monitoring upon order of the board.

13 (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a
14 requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the
board.

15 (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of
16 probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

17 (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters,
18 medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations,
19 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.

20 5. Section 2234 of the Code, states, in pertinent part:

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

23 (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or
24 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

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26 (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more
27 negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a
separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute
repeated negligent acts.

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1 (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically
2 appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single
negligent act.

3 (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or
4 omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but
5 not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the
licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure
constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

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7 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

8 (Repeated Negligent Acts)

9 6. Respondent has subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 31234 to
10 disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of
11 the Code, in that he committed repeated negligent acts in his care and treatment of Patient A,¹ as
12 more particularly alleged hereinafter.

13 7. On or about May 21, 2016, Patient A presented for a consultation for a breast
14 augmentation procedure with Respondent's office. Respondent's notes for this visit are not
15 signed or dated.

16 8. On or about January 21, 2017, Patient A signed an authorization to proceed with the
17 breast augmentation procedure and signed a standard informed consent for surgery. The
18 informed consent form was not initialed by Patient A on each page as indicated, and
19 Respondent's name was not listed in the place to designate the physician performing the surgery.

20 9. On or about January 25, 2017, Patient A was cleared by her primary care physician
21 for surgery.

22 10. On or about January 27, 2017, Respondent performed a breast augmentation surgery
23 on Patient A. Respondent's operative notes for Patient A's surgery consisted of six lines, which
24 stated: "Breast augmentation / periareolar approach / submuscular insertion / 500 cc HP memory
25 gel / closure with 3-0 monocryl / paper tape."

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28 ¹ For patient privacy purposes, patient identity has been withheld. Respondent is aware of
patient identity.

1 11. Respondent committed repeated negligent acts in his care and treatment of Patient A
2 which included, but is not limited to:

- 3 A. Paragraphs 7 through 10, above, are hereby incorporated by reference and
4 realleged as if fully set forth herein;
- 5 B. Respondent failed to maintain a complete and legible medical chart for Patient
6 A, in that his pre-operative notes are not dated or signed, generally illegible,
7 and the informed consent has numerous blank areas, including missing Patient
8 A's initials and Respondent as the named physician to perform the surgery;
- 9 C. Respondent failed to properly monitor and/or assess, and/or document the
10 monitoring and/or assessment of, Patient A's vital signs prior to performing the
11 surgery and/or throughout the performance of the surgery; and
- 12 D. Respondent failed to prepare a detailed operative report detailing the
13 medications used, the type or volume of tumescent solution administered, or the
14 steps of the surgical procedures.

15 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Violations of the Medical Practice Act)**

17 12. Respondent has subjected further his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.
18 A 31234 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234,
19 subdivision (a), of the Code, in that he violated a provision or provisions of the Medical Practice
20 Act, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 6 through 11, above, which are hereby
21 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

22 **PRAYER**

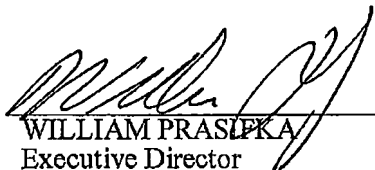
23 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
24 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 25 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 31234, issued
26 to Respondent Nazih Michel Haddad, M.D.;
- 27 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Nazih Michel Haddad,
28 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

1 3. Ordering Respondent Nazih Michel Haddad, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the
2 Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

3 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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5 DATED: AUG 3 1 2020



WILLIAM PRASIEKA
Executive Director
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