

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

In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:

Alan Samuel Coit, M.D.

Case No. 800-2017-039603

Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 34181

Respondent

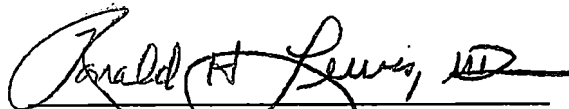
DECISION

The attached Stipulation of the Parties Re: Order Imposing License Restrictions 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 July 2, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED June 4, 2021.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



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

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12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

14 **ALAN SAMUEL COIT, M.D.**
15 **35900 Bob Hope Drive, #172**
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-1766

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.**
17 **G 34181**

18 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2017-039603

OAH No. 2020090370

STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES RE
ORDER IMPOSING LICENSE
RESTRICTIONS AND ORDER

[Bus. & Prof. Code § 822(d)]

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

21 **PARTIES**

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

26 2. Respondent Alan Samuel Coit, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding
27 by attorney Jeffrey G. Keane, Esq., whose address is: 74770 Highway 111, Suite 201, Indian
28 Wells, CA 92210.

1 3. On or about June 13, 1977, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
2 No. G 34181 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and
3 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2017-039603, and will
4 expire on May 31, 2021, unless renewed.

5 JURISDICTION

6 4. Accusation No. 800-2017-039603 was filed before the Board, and is currently
7 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were
8 properly served on Respondent on July 28, 2020. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense
9 contesting the Accusation.

10 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2017-039603 is attached as Exhibit A and
11 incorporated herein by reference.

12 6. Section 822 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

13 If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her
14 profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill
15 affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the
16 following methods:

17 (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency
18 in its discretion deems proper.

19 The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or
20 license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the
21 condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the
22 public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be
23 safely reinstated.

24 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

25 7. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
26 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2017-039603. Respondent has also carefully read,
27 fully discussed with his counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
28 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 Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine

1 the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right
2 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
3 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
4 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

5 9. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently
6 waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

7 **FACTUAL BASIS FOR ORDER IMPOSING LICENSE RESTRICTIONS**

8 10. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty
9 of further proceedings, Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing,
10 Complainant could establish a *prima facie* case establishing that Respondent is able to practice
11 medicine safely, but suffers from a benign essential tremor that precludes him from performing
12 circumcisions and other surgical procedures. Complainant has received no reported adverse
13 outcomes.

14 11. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent agrees to the issuance of an Order
15 Imposing License Restrictions pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 822,
16 subdivision (d) immediately restricting his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 34181 as
17 detailed in the Order, below.

18 **CONTINGENCY**

19 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California.
20 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical
21 Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and
22 settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the
23 stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek
24 to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails
25 to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Order shall be of
26 no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between
27 the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this
28 matter.

1 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
2 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto,
3 shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

4 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
5 the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and
6 enter the following Order:

7 **ORDER**

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Alan Samuel Coit's Physician's and
9 Surgeon's Certificate No. G 34181, shall be and is hereby restricted pursuant to California
10 Business and Professions Code section 822, subdivision (d), as follows:

11 **Respondent is prohibited from performing circumcisions or other surgical**
12 **procedures.**

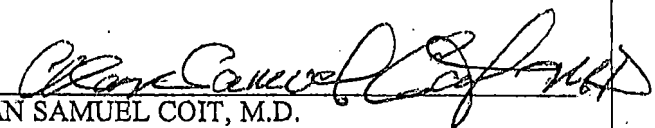
13 1. **VIOLATION OF ORDER.** Failure to fully comply with this Order Imposing License
14 Restrictions by Respondent shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary
15 action.

16 2. **REINSTATEMENT.** If Respondent should ever apply for removal of the license
17 restriction described above, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-
18 2017-039603 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent. Such
19 reinstatement shall be governed by California Business and Professions Code sections 822 and
20 823.

21 **ACCEPTANCE**

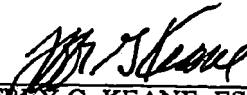
22 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Order and have fully discussed it
23 with my attorney, Jeffrey G. Keane, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have
24 on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Order
25 voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the
26 Medical Board of California.

27 DATED: 2/10/21

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ALAN SAMUEL COIT, M.D.
Respondent

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Alan Samuel Coit, M.D., the terms and
2 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Order. I approve
3 its form and content.

4 DATED: 2-10-21



JEFFREY G. KEANE, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

7 **ENDORSEMENT**

8 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for
9 consideration by the Medical Board of California.

10 DATED: 2/10/21

11 Respectfully submitted,
12 XAVIER BECERRA
13 Attorney General of California
14 ALEXANDRA M. ALVAREZ
15 Supervising Deputy Attorney General


16 KAROLYN M. WESTFALL
17 Deputy Attorney General
18 *Attorneys for Complainant*

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2017-039603

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PARTIES

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

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2. On or about June 13, 1977, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 34181 to Alan Samuel Coit, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2021, unless renewed.

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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 822 of the Code states:

6 If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her
7 profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill
8 affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the
9 following methods:

10 (a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.

11 (b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.

12 (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

13 (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency
14 in its discretion deems proper.

15 The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or
16 license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the
17 condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the
18 public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be
19 safely reinstated.

20 SECTION 822 CAUSE FOR ACTION

21 (Mental Illness and/or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)

22 5. Respondent is subject to action under section 822 of the Code, in that his ability to
23 practice medicine safely is impaired due to a mental illness and/or physical illness affecting
24 competency, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

25 6. Respondent has owned and operated a general pediatrics medical clinic since
26 approximately 1978.

27 7. In and around 2002, Respondent was diagnosed with an essential tremor, a
28 neurological disorder that causes involuntary and rhythmic shaking.

8. On or about December 21, 2017, the Board received a complaint that Respondent
suffers from a severe hand tremor and is unable to perform medical exams appropriately.

9. On or about February 27, 2018, an investigator for the Board made an unannounced
visit to Respondent's medical clinic. During this interaction, the investigator noted Respondent

1 was experiencing subtle hand tremors. Respondent informed the investigator that he was not
2 under the care of a doctor at that time for the tremors, but that he takes Inderal¹ 40 mg each day
3 that he prescribes to himself.

4 10. On or about April 26, 2018, Respondent voluntarily submitted to a physical
5 evaluation from Board-appointed physician R.H., M.D. (Dr. R.H.). During this examination,
6 Respondent informed Dr. R.H. that he performs approximately six (6) circumcisions each month,
7 and denied his tremors interfere with his practice of medicine. After a lengthy examination and a
8 review of records, Dr. R.H. concluded, among other things, that Respondent suffers from an
9 incurable essential tremor that precludes him from performing circumcisions safely. Dr. R.H.
10 further opined that Respondent should be prohibited from performing any surgical procedures,
11 but found that he is otherwise able to practice pediatric medicine safely.

12 11. On or about May 10, 2019, an investigator for the Board made another unannounced
13 visit to Respondent's medical clinic. During this interaction, the investigator noted Respondent
14 was experiencing subtle hand tremors.

15 12. On or about December 12, 2019, Respondent was evaluated by Y.B., M.D., Ph.D.
16 (Dr. Y.B.) at the Movement Disorders Clinic at UCLA Medical Center. During this examination,
17 Respondent informed Dr. Y.B. that he has noted a gradual worsening of his hand tremors since
18 2016, and that they affect some of his work activities, including holding the otoscope.

19 **PRAYER**

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

22 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 34181, issued
23 to Respondent, Alan Samuel Coit, M.D.;


24 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent, Alan Samuel Coit, M.D.'s
25 authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

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28 ¹ Inderal (name brand for propranolol) is a beta blocker medication that can be used to
treat tremors, and is a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

- 1 3. Ordering Alan Samuel Coit, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs
- 2 of probation monitoring;
- 3 4. Taking action as authorized by section 822 of the Code as the Medical Board, in its
- 4 discretion, deems necessary and proper; and
- 5 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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7 DATED: JUL 28 2020



WILLIAM PRASIFKA
Executive Director
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State of California
Complainant

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