

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

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

**Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. C 52906**

**Respondent.**

**Case No.: 800-2018-044499**

**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 January 6, 2022.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED: December 7, 2021.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



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**Laurie Rose Lubiano, J.D., Chair  
Panel A**

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13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

14 **RAGAA REZK IBRAHIM, M.D.**  
15 **5601 DeSoto Avenue**  
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17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C**  
18 **52906,**

19 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2018-044499

OAH No. 2021020537

20 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**  
21 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

24 **PARTIES**

25 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
26 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
27 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Christina Sein Goot, Deputy  
28 Attorney General,

2. Respondent Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this  
proceeding by attorney Fredrick M. Ray, whose address is: 5000 Birch Street, Suite 7000  
Newport Beach, CA 92660-2127.





1 enter the following Disciplinary Order:

2 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 52906 issued  
4 to Respondent RAGAA REZK IBRAHIM, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed  
5 and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions:

6 1. **EDUCATION COURSE.** Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this  
7 Decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee  
8 for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than 40 hours  
9 per year, for each year of probation. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be aimed at  
10 correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge and shall be Category I certified. The  
11 educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to  
12 the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the  
13 completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test  
14 Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for 65  
15 hours of CME of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition.

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

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

1 this Decision.

2 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its  
3 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than  
4 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

5 3. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of  
6 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that  
7 meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.  
8 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall  
9 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall  
10 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after  
11 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the  
12 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom  
13 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in  
14 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

15 A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
16 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board  
17 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have  
18 been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of  
19 this Decision.

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

23 4. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
24 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
25 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
26 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
27 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
28 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to

1 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15  
2 calendar days.

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

4 5. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
5 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
6 advanced practice nurses.

7 6. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules  
8 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court  
9 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

10 7. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
11 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
12 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

13 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end  
14 of the preceding quarter.

15 8. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

16 Compliance with Probation Unit

17 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

18 Address Changes

19 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
20 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such  
21 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
22 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
23 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

24 Place of Practice

25 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
26 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
27 facility.

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1           License Renewal

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

4           Travel or Residence Outside California

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

8           In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice  
9 ,Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of  
10 departure and return.

11           9.    INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
12 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
13 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

14           10.   NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
15 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
16 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is  
17 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and  
18 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct  
19 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If  
20 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall  
21 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training  
22 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-  
23 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of  
24 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while  
25 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
26 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
27 period of non-practice.

28           In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar



1 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards's Special  
2 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program  
3 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
4 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

5 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

6 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

7 Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve  
8 Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the  
9 exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;  
10 General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or  
11 Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing..

12 11. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
13 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
14 completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall  
15 be fully restored.

16 12. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition  
17 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the  
18 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and  
19 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,  
20 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have  
21 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until  
22 the matter is final.

23 13. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
24 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
25 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
26 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
27 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
28 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent

1 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
2 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
3 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
4 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

5 14. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated  
6 with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which  
7 may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of  
8 California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar  
9 year.

10 15. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for  
11 a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care  
12 licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in  
13 Accusation No. 800-2018-044499 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by  
14 Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or  
15 restrict license.

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17 ACCEPTANCE

18 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
19 discussed it with my attorney, Fredrick M. Ray. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will  
20 have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and  
21 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the  
22 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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24 DATED: 9/16/2021

  
25 RAGAA REZK IBRAHIM, M.D.  
26 Respondent

27 [Signatures on following page]  
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1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D. the terms and  
2 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.  
3 I approve its form and content.

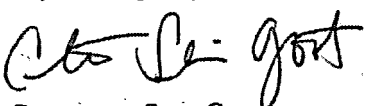
4 DATED: 9/16/2021   
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6 *Attorney for Respondent*

7 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

10 DATED: 09/16/2021

11 Respectfully submitted,  
12 ROB BONTA  
13 Attorney General of California  
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**A C C U S A T I O N**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
16 **No. C 52906,**

17 Respondent.

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19 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On or about July 1, 2007, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
23 Certificate Number C 52906 to Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
24 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
25 herein and will expire on July 31, 2021, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

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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 provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the  
6 Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed  
7 one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other  
8 action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

9       5.    Section 2234 of the Code, states:

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

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

14           (b) Gross negligence.

15           (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more  
16 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.

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

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

22           (d) Incompetence.

23           (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is  
24 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and  
surgeon.

25           (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

26           (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend  
27 and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a  
certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.



1 at CMH, Patient 1 had a persistently elevated C-Reactive Protein, which is also indicative of an  
2 ongoing bacterial infection. The patient's fluid retention was evident to Respondent, and pitting  
3 edema was documented by the nursing staff. During her stay at CMH, the patient's chest imaging  
4 showed that she suffered from a pleural effusion, and pneumonia was suspected. She also needed  
5 oxygen supplementation.

6 11. Respondent's progress note on April 4, 2014 again noted renal failure, the  
7 pancreatitis, and leukocytosis. Respondent noted that the patient was tolerating food, but  
8 continued to have diarrhea, and remained weak. His plan was to advance the diet, follow the  
9 renal function and consider discontinuing the dialysis catheter if not needed. Respondent  
10 discontinued the hydrocortisone and prescribed DVT prophylaxis and physical therapy. A C-  
11 Reactive Protein on April 4, 2014 was 21, significantly above normal, and indicative of an  
12 ongoing infection. On that date, the nursing staff documented pitting edema, indicative of the  
13 patient's fluid overload.

14 12. Respondent's progress note on April 5, 2014 noted that the patient was again  
15 improving from her acute pancreatitis, while the leukocytosis persisted. Respondent noted the  
16 patient's history of diabetes, bladder and breast cancers, and weakness. Even though the patient's  
17 anemia is not discussed or noted in the record, Respondent planned to transfuse one unit of  
18 packed red blood cells, as well as to remove the right groin dialysis catheter and to send the tip  
19 for culture. Respondent did not consider or document consideration of the impact of the  
20 transfusion on the patient's hemodynamic status. At that time, the patient's C-Reactive Protein  
21 value was 19.5, which is less than previously reported value, yet still very significantly elevated.  
22 Even though the patient was significantly ill, Respondent noted an improving trend in her  
23 condition and began discharge planning. Respondent planned to continue antibiotics, and  
24 physical therapy, and wrote in the Patient's record: "If stable -> home am as per patient, family  
25 request with P.T. but ideally should go back to SNF." Thus, Respondent was planning to release  
26 the patient from hospital care to a skilled nursing facility, but the patient and her family wanted  
27 her to be released to go home. On April 5, 2014, Respondent ordered intravenous metoprolol, an  
28 anti-hypertensive, at 12.5 mg over 12 hours. Throughout her hospital stay, the patient was also



1 on intravenous antibiotics. She remained on intravenous antibiotics until her discharge, at which  
2 time she was switched to oral antibiotics to facilitate her discharge.

3 13. On April 5, 2014, shortly after 3:00 p.m. a rapid response was called because Patient  
4 1 became unresponsive and with a blank stare, according to her husband who was at her bedside  
5 at the time. The patient had been drinking water and choked, and had a six second pause on her  
6 telemetry monitor. Respondent evaluated the patient in person, but did not document this event,  
7 or his evaluation, in the patient's medical record. Respondent prescribed metoprolol without an  
8 appropriate titration period to identify the effect on the patient's heart and patient's stability,  
9 before discharging her. Respondent's plan to discharge the patient did not change.

10 14. Patient 1's nursing notes on April 6, 2014 at 03:49 a.m. document that the patient  
11 completed receiving one unit of packed red cells. Respondent did not assess and did not  
12 document an assessment of the patient's hemoglobin response or the effect of giving her a fluid  
13 bolus, in the form of the blood transfusion, when the patient was suffering from very limited renal  
14 function and consequent fluid overload. At 5:00 a.m. the patient was noted by the nursing staff to  
15 be short of breath and her oxygen saturation on 2 liters of oxygen was 89-90%. The oxygen was  
16 increased to 4 liters per minute from 2 liters a minute with improvement in her oxygen saturation  
17 to 97%. Respondent ordered a bedside swallow evaluation by Speech Therapy at 08:39 a.m.  
18 Respondent's plan to discharge the patient did not change.

19 15. Respondent then issued a discharge order to "SNF" at 12:47 p.m on April 6, 2020.  
20 Respondent changed the manner of discharge at approximately 1:51 p.m., noting that instead of a  
21 skilled nursing facility the patient was discharged home. In making the change in the manner of  
22 discharge, Respondent did not consider and did not document a consideration of the fact that the  
23 patient would receive a different level of follow-up care at home than she would at a skilled  
24 nursing facility. Respondent did not have and did not document a discussion with the patient or  
25 the patient's family concerning the seriousness of her condition and Respondent's  
26 recommendation that she be discharged to a skilled nursing facility.

27 16. Even though the manner of her discharge was changed from "SNF" to "Home" based  
28 on Respondent's order, the patient and her husband were given standard discharge instructions,

1 that if patient experienced any fever over 101 F to call her doctor and to return to the emergency  
2 department for any concerning symptoms. There were no discharge instructions that took into  
3 account the patient's specific concerns, or that the patient was being released to a lower level of  
4 care than Respondent ordered initially. The patient was to follow up with a nephrologist with  
5 regard to her suprapubic catheter, and to see her primary care doctor in 1 week.

6 17. On the day of discharge, April 6, 2014, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the patient's  
7 oxygen saturation decreased to 82% with ambulation. Respondent explained to the Board  
8 investigators that he was not told about this event by the CMH nursing staff. Patient 1 left CMH  
9 to go home at approximately 5:30 p.m. Respondent did not write a progress note for April 6,  
10 2014. He did, however, dictate a discharge summary at approximately 6:18 p.m. on April 6,  
11 2014. In the discharge summary, Respondent made no mention of the patient's decreased oxygen  
12 saturation. Respondent documented that the patient's diagnosis at discharge was: "1) Acute on  
13 chronic renal failure requiring hemodialysis for few times; 2) Acute Pancreatitis, improved; 3)  
14 Hypertension; 4) Type 2 Diabetes; 5) Hyperlipidemia; 6) Diarrhea; 7) Generalized Weakness; 8)  
15 Episodes of vertigo; 9) Anxiety; 10) Hiatal hernia; 11) Depression; 12) Carpal tunnel syndrome;  
16 13) History of urinary bladder cancer with status post iron surgical repair with neobladder."

17 18. Respondent's daily progress notes and discharge summary failed to document and  
18 fully address Patient 1's hospital problems, including urinary tract infection, leukocytosis with  
19 persistently elevated C-Reactive Protein and bandemia, telemetry pause, persistent weakness and  
20 shortness of breath coupled with imaging consistent with possible pneumonia, and the patient's  
21 fluid status. The patient had inadequate stabilization of fluid status and renal function prior to her  
22 discharge on April 6, 2014.

23 19. Less than 24-hours after discharge, on April 7, 2014, Patient 1 was readmitted to  
24 CMH, after her home health care nurse found her oxygen saturation was very low. The patient  
25 was transferred to CMH ICU on April 8, 2014, with respiratory failure. Patient 1 passed away at  
26 CMH ICU on April 9, 2014. The discharge diagnosis after her death was: 1) Septic shock; 2)  
27 Chronic renal insufficiency; 3) Acute renal injury with complete renal failure; 4) Pulmonary  
28 edema secondary to renal failure and fluid overload; 5) Ongoing leukocytosis; 6) History of

1 bladder cancer with Indiana pouch; 7) History of breast cancer; 8) Anemia secondary to renal  
2 failure, requiring transfusion; 9) Abnormal process in the mesentery thought to be possibly  
3 malignant by Radiology; 10) Pneumonia present on admission; 11) Respiratory failure secondary  
4 to pneumonia and fluid overload.

5 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

6 **(Gross Negligence)**

7 20. Respondent Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under  
8 Business and Professions Code section 2234, subdivision (b) in that he was grossly negligent in  
9 his care and treatment of Patient 1. The circumstances are as follows:

10 21. The allegations of paragraphs 7-19 are incorporated herein.

11 22. Respondent's discharge of Patient 1 to home under the circumstances alleged herein  
12 was an extreme departure from the standard of care.

13 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

14 **(Repeated Negligent Acts)**

15 23. Respondent Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under  
16 Business and Professions Code section 2234, subdivision (c) in that Respondent committed  
17 repeated negligent acts. The circumstances are as follows:

18 24. The allegations of paragraphs 7-19 are incorporated herein.

19 25. Respondent's discharge of Patient 1 to home under circumstances alleged herein was  
20 a departure from the standard of care.

21 26. Respondent's diagnosis and management of sepsis that afflicted Patient 1 was a  
22 departure from the standard of care.

23 27. Respondent's scant chart documentation, including omission of information from  
24 Patient 1's medical records was a departure from the standard of care.

25 28. Respondent's discharge instructions for Patient 1 under the circumstances constituted  
26 a departure from the standard of care.

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1 29. Respondent's failure to communicate the severity of Patient 1's illness and  
2 Respondent's recommendation that she be discharged to a skilled nursing facility to the Patient  
3 and/or her family, before discharging her home, was a departure from the standard of care.

4 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

5 **(Inadequate and Inaccurate Record Keeping)**

6 30. Respondent Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section  
7 2266 in that Respondent failed to keep adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of  
8 services to Patient 1. The circumstances are as follows:

9 31. Allegations of Paragraphs 7-19 are incorporated herein by reference.

10 **PRAYER**

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


13 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number C 52906,  
14 issued to Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D.;

15 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D.'s authority  
16 to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

17 3. Ordering Ragaa Rezk Ibrahim, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the  
18 costs of probation monitoring; and

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

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21 DATED: JUL 09 2020

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