

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

In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:

Pooya Jazayeri, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 111183

Respondent.

Case No.: 800-2019-059333

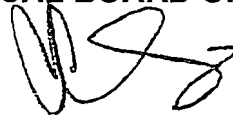
**DECISION**

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 February 25, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED: January 27, 2022.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



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OAH No. 2021090704

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

18 In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public  
19 interest and the responsibility of the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer  
20 Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order  
21 which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the  
22 Accusation.

23 **PARTIES**

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



1 CULPABILITY

2 9. For the purpose of resolving the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-  
3 059333, without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that the  
4 charges and allegations in the Accusation, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing  
5 discipline upon his physician's and surgeons' certificate and he agrees to be bound by the Board's  
6 imposition of discipline as set in the disciplinary order below.

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

10 RESERVATION

11 11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this  
12 proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California or other  
13 professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or  
14 civil proceeding.

15 CONTINGENCY

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

26 13. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of  
27 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the  
28 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2019-059333 shall be

1 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any  
2 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

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

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

9 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 111183 issued  
11 to Respondent Pooya Jazayeri, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and  
12 Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

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

19 Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawfully prescribed medications, Respondent  
20 shall notify the Board or its designee of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and telephone  
21 number; medication name, strength, and quantity; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and  
22 telephone number.

23 2. **ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE.** Respondent shall abstain completely from the  
24 use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

25 3. **PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATION.** At the Board's discretion,  
26 and on whatever periodic basis that may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent  
27 shall undergo and complete a psychiatric and/or substance abuse evaluation (and associated  
28 testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed evaluator, who shall consider any information

1 provided by the Board or its designee and any other information the evaluator deems relevant,  
2 and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall  
3 cooperate fully with any evaluation, and shall pay the cost of all evaluations and testing.  
4 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluator within  
5 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.

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

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

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

24 5. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. Within thirty (30) days  
25 of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for its  
26 prior approval, the name of a substance abuse support group which he or she shall attend for the  
27 duration of probation. Respondent shall attend substance abuse support group meetings at least  
28 once per week, or as ordered by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall pay all substance

1 abuse support group meeting costs.

2 The facilitator of the substance abuse support group meeting shall have a minimum of three  
3 (3) years experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse, and shall be licensed  
4 or certified by the state or nationally certified organizations. The facilitator shall not have a  
5 current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with Respondent within the last five  
6 (5) years. Respondent's previous participation in a substance abuse group support meeting led by  
7 the same facilitator does not constitute a prohibited current or former financial, personal, or  
8 business relationship.

9 The facilitator shall provide a signed document to the Board or its designee showing  
10 Respondent's name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, Respondent's  
11 attendance, and Respondent's level of participation and progress. The facilitator shall report any  
12 unexcused absence by Respondent from any substance abuse support group meeting to the Board,  
13 or its designee, within twenty-four (24) hours of the unexcused absence.

14 6. WORKSITE MONITOR FOR SUBSTANCE-ABUSING LICENSEE. Within  
15 thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the  
16 Board or its designee for prior approval as a worksite monitor, the name and qualifications of one  
17 or more licensed physician and surgeon, other licensed health care professional if no physician  
18 and surgeon is available, or, as approved by the Board or its designee, a person in a position of  
19 authority who is capable of monitoring the Respondent at work.

20 The worksite monitor shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or familial  
21 relationship with Respondent, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
22 compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board or its  
23 designee. If it is impractical for anyone but Respondent's employer to serve as the worksite  
24 monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board or its designee, however, under no  
25 circumstances shall Respondent's worksite monitor be an employee or supervisee of the licensee.

26 The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license with no disciplinary action  
27 within the last five (5) years, and shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms  
28 and conditions of Respondent's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor Respondent as set forth

1 by the Board or its designee.

2 Respondent shall pay all worksite monitoring costs.

3 The worksite monitor shall have face-to-face contact with Respondent in the work  
4 environment on as frequent a basis as determined by the Board or its designee, but not less than  
5 once per week; interview other staff in the office regarding Respondent's behavior, if requested  
6 by the Board or its designee; and review Respondent's work attendance.

7 The worksite monitor shall verbally report any suspected substance abuse to the Board and  
8 Respondent's employer or supervisor within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the suspected  
9 substance abuse does not occur during the Board's normal business hours, the verbal report shall  
10 be made to the Board or its designee within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written  
11 report that includes the date, time, and location of the suspected abuse; Respondent's actions; and  
12 any other information deemed important by the worksite monitor shall be submitted to the Board  
13 or its designee within 48 hours of the occurrence.

14 The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by  
15 the Board or its designee which shall include the following: (1) Respondent's name and  
16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate number; (2) the worksite monitor's name and signature; (3)  
17 the worksite monitor's license number, if applicable; (4) the location or location(s) of the  
18 worksite; (5) the dates Respondent had face-to-face contact with the worksite monitor; (6) the  
19 names of worksite staff interviewed, if applicable; (7) a report of Respondent's work attendance;  
20 (8) any change in Respondent's behavior and/or personal habits; and (9) any indicators that can  
21 lead to suspected substance abuse by Respondent. Respondent shall complete any required  
22 consent forms and execute agreements with the approved worksite monitor and the Board, or its  
23 designee, authorizing the Board, or its designee, and worksite monitor to exchange information.

24 If the worksite monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five (5)  
25 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior  
26 approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that  
27 responsibility within fifteen (15) calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a  
28 replacement monitor within sixty (60) calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the



1 monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the  
2 practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall  
3 cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring  
4 responsibility.

5 7. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven  
6 (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board the names,  
7 physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any and all employers and  
8 supervisors. Respondent shall also provide specific, written consent for the Board, Respondent's  
9 worksite monitor, and Respondent's employers and supervisors to communicate regarding  
10 Respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring.

11 For purposes of this section, "supervisors" shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or  
12 Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff  
13 privileges.

14 8. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING. Respondent shall immediately submit to  
15 biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.  
16 "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair  
17 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall  
18 make daily contact with the Board or its designee to determine whether biological fluid testing is  
19 required. Respondent shall be tested on the date of the notification as directed by the Board or its  
20 designee. The Board may order a Respondent to undergo a biological fluid test on any day, at  
21 any time, including weekends and holidays. Except when testing on a specific date as ordered by  
22 the Board or its designee, the scheduling of biological fluid testing shall be done on a random  
23 basis. The cost of biological fluid testing shall be borne by the Respondent.

24 Throughout the probationary term, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests.  
25 Only if there has been no positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years  
26 of probation, may testing be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board  
27 from increasing the number of random tests to the standard first-year level of frequency (52-104  
28 random tests) for any reason.

1 Prior to the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide proof that he has  
2 entered into a contract with a laboratory or service, approved in advance by the Board or its  
3 designee, that will conduct random, unannounced, observed, biological fluid testing and meets all  
4 of the following standards:

5 (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry  
6 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United  
7 States Department of Transportation.

8 (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of  
9 Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.

10 (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published  
11 by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test  
12 administered.

13 (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.

14 (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health  
15 and Human Services.

16 (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day  
17 of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody  
18 procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally  
19 defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the  
20 specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day  
21 and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.

22 (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise  
23 necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.

24 (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens  
25 for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.

26 (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California.

27 (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line  
28 computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.

1 (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff  
2 access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a  
3 day.

4 (l) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have  
5 knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret  
6 and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other  
7 information relevant to biomedical information.

8 (m) It will not consider a toxicology screen to be negative if a positive result is obtained  
9 while practicing, even if the Respondent holds a valid prescription for the substance.

10 Prior to changing testing locations for any reason, including during vacation or other travel,  
11 alternative testing locations must be approved by the Board and meet the requirements above.

12 The contract shall require that the laboratory directly notify the Board or its designee of  
13 non-negative results within one (1) business day and negative test results within seven (7)  
14 business days of the results becoming available. Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or  
15 service contract during the period of probation.

16 A certified copy of any laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any  
17 proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

18 If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or  
19 administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to  
20 cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing  
21 medicine or providing medical services. The Board shall immediately notify all of Respondent's  
22 employers, supervisors and work monitors, if any, that Respondent may not practice medicine or  
23 provide medical services while the cease-practice order is in effect.

24 A biological fluid test will not be considered negative if a positive result is obtained while  
25 practicing, even if the practitioner holds a valid prescription for the substance. If no prohibited  
26 substance use exists, the Board shall lift the cease-practice order within one (1) business day.

27 After the issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive  
28 biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the

1 specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating  
2 physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

3 For purposes of this condition, the terms “biological fluid testing” and “testing” mean the  
4 acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent’s urine, blood, breath, or hair.

5 For purposes of this condition, the term “prohibited substance” means an illegal drug, a  
6 lawful drug not prescribed or ordered by an appropriately licensed health care provider for use by  
7 Respondent and approved by the Board, alcohol, or any other substance the Respondent has been  
8 instructed by the Board not to use, consume, ingest, or administer to himself or herself.

9 If the Board confirms that a positive biological fluid test is evidence of use of a prohibited  
10 substance, Respondent has committed a major violation, as defined in section 1361.52(a), and the  
11 Board shall impose any or all of the consequences set forth in section 1361.52(b), in addition to  
12 any other terms or conditions the Board determines are necessary for public protection or to  
13 enhance Respondent’s rehabilitation.

14 9. VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING  
15 LICENSEES . Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of  
16 probation.

17 A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section  
18 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
19 one or more of the following actions:

20 (1) Issue an immediate cease-practice order and order Respondent to undergo a clinical  
21 diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of  
22 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent’s expense. The cease-practice  
23 order issued by the Board or its designee shall state that Respondent must test negative for at least  
24 a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice. For  
25 purposes of determining the length of time a Respondent must test negative while undergoing  
26 continuous biological fluid testing following issuance of a cease-practice order, a month is  
27 defined as thirty calendar (30) days. Respondent may not resume the practice of medicine until  
28 notified in writing by the Board or its designee that he or she may do so.

1 (2) Increase the frequency of biological fluid testing.

2 (3) Refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or  
3 other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

4 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section  
5 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
6 one or more of the following actions:

7 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;

8 (2) Order practice limitations;

9 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;

10 (4) Order increased documentation;

11 (5) Issue a citation and fine, or a warning letter;

12 (6) Order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in  
13 accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of  
14 Regulations, at Respondent's expense;

15 (7) Take any other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

16 C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority  
17 to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. If  
18 Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the  
19 opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was  
20 stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed  
21 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter  
22 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

23 10. 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 11. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
5 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
6 advanced practice nurses.

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

10 13. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly  
11 declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has  
12 been 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 14. 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           15.       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           16.       NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board  
15 or 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 17. 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 18. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or  
17 condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any  
18 respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke  
19 probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to  
20 Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation,  
21 the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation  
22 shall be extended until the matter is final.

23 19. 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 20. 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 21. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply  
11 for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health  
12 care licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained  
13 in Accusation No. 800-2019-059333 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.

16 ACCEPTANCE

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

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23 DATED: 1/5/2022

  
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POOYA JAZAYERI, M.D.  
*Respondent*

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1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Pooya Jazayeri, 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.

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5 DATED: January 5, 2022

  
6 GREGORY ABRAMS  
7 Attorney for Respondent


8 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

11 DATED: January 11, 2022

12 Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2019-059333**

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2019-059333

12 **Pooya Jazayeri, M.D.**  
13 **3188 Estero Terrace**  
**Fremont, CA 94538**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
15 **No. A 111183,**

16 Respondent.

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18 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On or about February 19, 2010, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
23 Certificate Number A 111183 to Pooya Jazayeri, 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 September 30, 2021, unless renewed.

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**JURISDICTION**

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

4. 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.

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

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

5. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

6. Section 2239 of the Code provides that it is unprofessional conduct for a licensee to use alcohol, dangerous drugs or controlled substances 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.

7. Section 822 of the Code provides that the Board may take action if a licentiate's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because of mental or physical illness.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

8. On September 2, 2019 police were dispatched to the home of Respondent after Respondent called to report he had found a girlfriend dead in his home of an apparent drug overdose.

1           9.     When police were investigating the death, Respondent stated the following:  
2 Decedent made arrangements to visit Respondent at his residence to discuss the status of their  
3 casual sexual relationship. She arrived at his home on Sunday September 1, 2019 at  
4 approximately 9 a.m. Respondent went to bed approximately an hour after the arrival of decedent  
5 at his home. When Respondent woke up on the next day at approximately 5:30 am, decedent was  
6 lying face down unclothed on the side of his bed in his master bedroom. Respondent got dressed  
7 and left for work. While at work Respondent sent the decedent a text message at approximately  
8 6:01 am. Respondent did not disclose the contents of the text message to police.

9           10.    When Respondent returned home at approximately 8 a.m. he had something to eat  
10 and watched TV until approximately 10 a.m. Respondent then walked upstairs and noticed  
11 decedent was still lying face down and unclothed exactly the way she was when he initially left  
12 for work. As Respondent attempted to wake the decedent, he rolled her over and noticed she was  
13 unresponsive.

14           11.    Respondent said he did not consume alcohol or any drugs during the time he was with  
15 decedent. When Respondent was asked if he ever consumed any drugs, Respondent said the  
16 decedent occasionally used and brought Ecstasy<sup>1</sup> to his home. Respondent told police he had slept  
17 for 20 hours and was unsure if the decedent used any drugs or alcohol during that time.

18           12.    While conducting a search during the death investigation, police opened one of the  
19 two drawers of a wet bar in Respondent's home and located multiple small baggies and a large  
20 baggie of crystalized substances.

21           13.    Respondent told police decedent would infrequently bring Ecstasy to his residence  
22 and consume it, and he denied ever using the controlled substances they found, and denied they  
23 were his. The substance was later analyzed and determined to be Cocaine and MDMA (Ecstasy).  
24 The medical examiner determined that decedent expired as a result of acute MDMA intoxication.

25           14.    By the time of his April 2020 interview with the Board's investigator, while he  
26 offered inconsistent accounts of his recent usage, Respondent acknowledged a history of

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28 <sup>1</sup> Ecstasy, also called MDMA, is an amphetamine-based synthetic drug with euphoric and  
hallucinatory effects.

1 substance abuse, and reported that he was undergoing treatment as required by the hospital where  
2 he worked as an anesthesiologist. Respondent characterized his relationship with the decedent as  
3 “basically our entire relationship was her coming over and taking drugs together.”

4 15. Respondent agreed to undergo an evaluation by a Board appointed evaluator. The  
5 evaluator concluded that in addition to an acute but resolving stress disorder resulting from the  
6 decedent’s death, Respondent has a Substance Use Disorder involving MDMA, cocaine and  
7 alcohol. The Substance Use Disorder was characterized as Moderate, in early Remission, in a  
8 Controlled Environment<sup>2</sup>. In order to safely practice medicine, and in particular, to practice as an  
9 anesthesiologist, Respondent must continue to undergo monitoring and treatment, and to abstain  
10 from drug and alcohol use.

11 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12 (Impaired Ability to Safely Practice Medicine)

13 16. Respondent’s Certificate is subject to disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to  
14 sections 2227 and 822 of the Code in that Respondent is impaired in his ability to safely practice  
15 medicine as a result of his substance use disorder.

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17 **SECOND CAUSE FOR BOARD ACTION**

18 (Unprofessional Conduct: Dangerous Use of Narcotics)

19 17. Respondent’s certificate is subject to Board action pursuant to sections 2234 and/or  
20 2239 of the Code in that his conduct in misusing and abusing controlled substances,  
21 misrepresenting his use of controlled substances, and participating in the illegal and inappropriate  
22 use of controlled substances in his home in a manner which contributed to the death of another,  
23 constitute unprofessional conduct.


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25 **PRAYER**

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

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<sup>2</sup> The controlled environment refers to the monitoring program imposed by the hospital.

- 1           1.    Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 111183,  
2 issued to Pooya Jazayeri, M.D. ;  
3           2.    Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Pooya Jazayeri, M.D. 's authority to  
4 supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;  
5           3.    Ordering Pooya Jazayeri, M.D. , if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of  
6 probation monitoring; and  
7           4.    Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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9 DATED:     MAR 03 2021    

  
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WILLIAM PRASIFKA  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
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