

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

In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:

Anjali Bhatt Saxena, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 67175

Case No.: 800-2020-066000

Respondent.

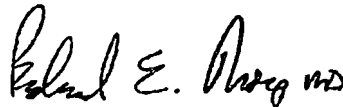
DECISION

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 July 1, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED: June 1, 2022.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



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15 **751 S. Bascom Ave.**  
16 **San Jose CA 95128**

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**  
18 **67175**

Respondent.

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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 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Lawrence Mercer, Deputy  
26 Attorney General.



1 **CULPABILITY**

2 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation  
3 No. 800-2020-066000, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her  
4 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

5 10. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, complainant could  
6 establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-  
7 2020-066000, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that he has  
8 thereby subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate , No. A 67175 to disciplinary action.

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

12 **RESERVATION**

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

17 **CONTINGENCY**

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

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1 14. Respondent agrees that if she ever petitions for early termination or modification of  
2 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against her before the  
3 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2020-066000 shall be  
4 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any  
5 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

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

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

12 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

13 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 67175 issued  
14 to Respondent ANJALI BHATT SAXENA, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocations are  
15 stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and  
16 conditions

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

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

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

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

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

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

19           4.    PSYCHIATRIC/SUBSTANCE ABUSE EVALUATION. At the Board's Discretion,  
20 and on whatever periodic basis thereafter may be required by the Board or its designee,  
21 Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation a psychiatric and/or substance  
22 abuse evaluation (and associated testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed board  
23 certified psychiatrist, who shall consider any information provided by the Board or designee and  
24 any other information the psychiatrist deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation  
25 report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate fully with any evaluation, shall  
26 pay the cost of all evaluations and testing.

27           5.    PSYCHOTHERAPY. Respondent continue psychotherapy treatment with her  
28 psychiatrist and therapist, including any recommended modifications to the frequency of

1 psychotherapy, until the Board or its designee deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary.

2 The psychotherapist shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee  
3 and any other information the psychotherapist deems relevant and shall furnish a written  
4 evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate in providing the  
5 psychotherapist with any information and documents that the psychotherapist may deem  
6 pertinent.

7 Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the  
8 Board or its designee. The Board or its designee may require Respondent to undergo psychiatric  
9 evaluations by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist. If, prior to the completion of  
10 probation, Respondent is found to be mentally unfit to resume the practice of medicine without  
11 restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the  
12 period of probation shall be extended until the Board determines that Respondent is mentally fit  
13 to resume the practice of medicine without restrictions.

14 Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychotherapy and psychiatric evaluations.

15 6. SOLO PRACTICE PROHIBITION. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the  
16 solo practice of medicine. Prohibited solo practice includes, but is not limited to, a practice  
17 where: 1) Respondent merely shares office space with another physician but is not affiliated for  
18 purposes of providing patient care, or 2) Respondent is the sole physician practitioner at that  
19 location.

20 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in  
21 an appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision,  
22 Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of  
23 medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume  
24 practice until an appropriate practice setting is established.

25 If, during the course of the probation, the Respondent's practice setting changes and the  
26 Respondent is no longer practicing in a setting in compliance with this Decision, the Respondent  
27 shall notify the Board or its designee within five (5) calendar days of the practice setting change.

28 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in an

1 appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the practice setting change, Respondent  
2 shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within  
3 three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume practice until an  
4 appropriate practice setting is established.

5 7. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven (7)  
6 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 During the first year of probation, Respondent shall be subject to 52 to 104 random tests.  
25 During the second year of probation and for the duration of the probationary term, up to five (5)  
26 years, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests per year. Only if there has been no  
27 positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years of probation, may testing  
28 be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number



1 of random tests to the first-year level of frequency for any reason.

2 Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service,  
3 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced,  
4 observed, biological fluid testing and meets all 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. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. Within thirty (30) days of  
15 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for its  
16 prior approval, the name of a substance abuse support group which he or she shall attend for the  
17 duration of probation. Respondent shall attend substance abuse support group meetings at least  
18 once per week, or as ordered by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall pay all substance  
19 abuse support group meeting costs.

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

27 The facilitator shall provide a signed document to the Board or its designee showing  
28 Respondent's name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, Respondent's

1 attendance, and Respondent's level of participation and progress. The facilitator shall report any  
2 unexcused absence by Respondent from any substance abuse support group meeting to the Board,  
3 or its designee, within twenty-four (24) hours of the unexcused absence.

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

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

16 The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license with no disciplinary action  
17 within the last five (5) years, and shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms  
18 and conditions of Respondent's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor Respondent as set forth  
19 by the Board or its designee.

20 Respondent shall pay all worksite monitoring costs.

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

25 The worksite monitor shall verbally report any suspected substance abuse to the Board and  
26 Respondent's employer or supervisor within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the suspected  
27 substance abuse does not occur during the Board's normal business hours, the verbal report shall  
28 be made to the Board or its designee within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written

1 report that includes the date, time, and location of the suspected abuse; Respondent's actions; and  
2 any other information deemed important by the worksite monitor shall be submitted to the Board  
3 or its designee within 48 hours of the occurrence.

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

14 If the worksite monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within five (5)  
15 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior  
16 approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that  
17 responsibility within fifteen (15) calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a  
18 replacement monitor within sixty (60) calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the  
19 monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the  
20 practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall  
21 cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring  
22 responsibility.

23 11. VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING  
24 LICENSEES. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of  
25 probation.

26 A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section  
27 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
28 one or more of the following actions:

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

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

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

13 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section  
14 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
15 one or more of the following actions:

16 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;

17 (2) Order practice limitations;

18 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;

19 (4) Order increased documentation;

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

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

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

25 C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority  
26 to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. If  
27 Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the  
28 opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was

1 stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed  
2 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter  
3 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

4 12. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
5 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
6 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
7 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
8 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
9 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
10 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15  
11 calendar days.

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

13 13. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
14 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
15 advanced practice nurses.

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

19 15. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby  
20 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, in the amount of  
21 \$4,296.00. Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs  
22 shall be considered a violation of probation.

23 Any and all requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by respondent to the  
24 Board.

25 The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of the responsibility to  
26 repay investigation and enforcement costs.

27 16. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
28 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been

1 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

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

4 17. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

5 Compliance with Probation Unit

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

7 Address Changes

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

13 Place of Practice

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

17 License Renewal

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

20 Travel or Residence Outside California

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

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

27 18. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
28 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the



1 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

2 19. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
3 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
4 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is  
5 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and  
6 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct  
7 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If  
8 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall  
9 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training  
10 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-  
11 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of  
12 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while  
13 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
14 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
15 period of non-practice.

16 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
17 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards's Special  
18 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program  
19 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
20 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

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

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

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

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1           20. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
2 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
3 completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall  
4 be fully restored.

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

12           22. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
13 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
14 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
15 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
16 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
17 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent  
18 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
19 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
20 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
21 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

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

27           24. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a  
28 new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care

1 licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in  
2 Accusation No. 800-2020-066000 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by  
3 Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or  
4 restrict license.

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6 ACCEPTANCE

7 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
8 discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my  
9 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
10 Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order  
11 of the Medical Board of California.

12 DATED: 4/21/2022  
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14 DocuSigned by:  
*Anjali Saxena, M.D.*  
15 \_\_\_\_\_  
16 ANJALI BHATT SAXENA, M.D.  
17 Respondent

18 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena, M.D. the terms and  
19 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.  
20 I approve its form and content.

21 RAY & BISHOP

22 DATED: 4/21/2022  
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24 DocuSigned by:  
*John Bishop*  
25 \_\_\_\_\_  
26 JOHN D. BISHOP  
27 Attorney for Respondent  
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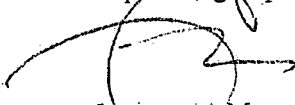
ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: April 22, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2020-066000**

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  
13 **ANJALI BHATT SAXENA, M.D.**  
14 **Dept. of Medicine**  
15 **Santa Clara Valley Medical Center**  
16 **751 S. Bascom Ave.**  
17 **San Jose, CA 95128**  
18 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
19 **No. A 67175,**  
20 **Respondent.**

Case No. 800-2020-066000  
**A C C U S A T I O N**

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  
(Board).  
24 2. On or about December 18, 1998, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
25 Certificate Number A 67175 to Anjali Bhatt Saxena (Respondent). The Physician's and  
26 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
27 herein and will expire on December 31, 2022, 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 2234 of the Code, states:

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

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

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

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

15       5.    Section 2236 of the Code states:

16           (a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications,  
17 functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct  
18 within the meaning of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The record  
19 of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction  
20 occurred.

21           (b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify  
22 the Medical Board of the pendency of an action against a licensee charging a felony  
23 or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a  
24 licensee. The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and  
25 the facts alleged. The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in  
26 which the action is pending that the defendant is a licensee, and the clerk shall record  
27 prominently in the file that the defendant holds a license as a physician and surgeon.

28           (c) The clerk of the court in which a licensee is convicted of a crime shall,  
within 48 hours after the conviction, transmit a certified copy of the record of  
conviction to the board. The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding  
the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if  
the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or  
duties of a physician and surgeon.

          (d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is  
deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1.  
The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction  
occurred.

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1           6.     Section 2239 of the Code states:

2           (a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any  
3 controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section  
4 4022, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous  
5 or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that  
6 such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than  
7 one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or  
8 self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any  
9 combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the  
10 conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.

11           (b) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo  
12 contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The  
13 Medical Board may order discipline of the licensee in accordance with Section 2227  
14 or the Medical Board may order the denial of the license when the time for appeal has  
15 elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order  
16 granting probation is made suspending imposition of sentence, irrespective of a  
17 subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing  
18 such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or  
19 setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint,  
20 information, or indictment.

21           7.     Penal Code section 273a, in pertinent part, states:

22           (a) Any person who, under circumstances or conditions likely to produce great  
23 bodily harm or death, willfully causes or permits any child to suffer, or inflicts  
24 thereon unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering, or having the care or custody  
25 of any child, willfully causes or permits the person or health of that child to be placed  
26 in a situation where his or her person or health to be endangered, shall be punished by  
27 imprisonment in a county jail for not exceeding one year, or in the state prison for  
28 two, four or six years.

          8.     Vehicle Code section 23103(a) states:

          (a) A person who drives a vehicle upon a highway in willful and wanton disregard for  
the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving.

          9.     Code section 822 states:

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

- (a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.
- (b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.
- (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.
- (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its  
discretion deems proper.

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



**COST RECOVERY**

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2       10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
3 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of  
4 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
5 enforcement of the case; with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being  
6 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be  
7 included in a stipulated settlement.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

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9       11. On March 16, 2020, the Board received a subsequent arrest notification from the  
10 Department of Justice. The notification advised that Respondent had been arrested on charges of  
11 operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, with bodily injury, and child  
12 endangerment.

13       12. The Board's investigator obtained a report of the incident prepared by officers of the  
14 Palo Alto Police Department (PAPD). According to the report, PAPD officers responded to a  
15 complaint from the Pediatric Psychiatry clinic of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) that  
16 Respondent arrived at the clinic intoxicated.

17       13. The reporting officer noted obvious signs of intoxication when he approached  
18 Respondent. During his interview of Respondent, the investigating officer noted that she  
19 "continuously and intentionally lied" to him. She denied driving her relative to the appointment  
20 and stated that her husband had driven her and her relative to the appointment. She refused to  
21 consent to standard field sobriety tests.

22       14. Respondent provided a blood sample, which was tested and yielded a blood alcohol  
23 content (BAC) of 0.23%.

24       15. On April 20, 2020, in a criminal action entitled *The People of the State of California*  
25 *v. Anjali Saxena*, Respondent was charged with violation of Penal Code §273a(a) [child  
26 endangerment] and Vehicle Code §§23152(a) and (b) [driving under the influence of alcohol].  
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1           16. On March 8, 2021, the criminal complaint was amended to allege violation of Vehicle  
2 Code §23103(a) [reckless driving] and Respondent entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to child  
3 endangerment and reckless driving and judgment was entered.

4           17. At a subsequent interview with the Board's investigator, Respondent was untruthful.  
5 She stated that she had not consumed alcohol before operating a motor vehicle and claimed that,  
6 after arriving at the clinic, she returned to her vehicle for a brief period and only then consumed  
7 wine that she had purchased earlier in the day.

8           18. On December 7, 2021, Respondent voluntarily submitted to a psychiatric evaluation  
9 by a psychiatrist selected by the Board. After the evaluation, the evaluator provided a report  
10 which states that Respondent suffers from Alcohol Use Disorder, Severe, in sustained remission.

11                           **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12   **(Conviction of a Crime)**

13           19. Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2234  
14 and/or 2234(a) and/or 2236 of the Code, in that Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially  
15 related to the qualifications, duties and functions of a physician and surgeon. The circumstances  
16 are as follows:

17           20. Complainant incorporates the facts set forth in Paragraphs 11 through 18 as though  
18 fully set out herein.

19                           **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20   **(Excessive Use of Alcohol)**

21           21. Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2234  
22 and/or 2234(a) and/or 2239 of the Code, in that Respondent consumed alcohol to the extent or in  
23 such a manner as to be injurious to herself, other persons and the public. The circumstances are as  
24 follows:

25           22. Complainant incorporates the facts set forth in as though Paragraphs 11 through 18  
26 fully set out herein.

27                           **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

28   **(Dishonesty)**

1 23. Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2234  
2 and/or 2234(e) of the Code, in that Respondent committed dishonest acts. The circumstances are  
3 as follows:

4 24. Complainant incorporates the facts set forth in Paragraphs 11 through 18 as though  
5 fully set out herein.

6 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 **(Mental/Physical Impairment)**

8 25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Sections 2227 and 822 of the Code,  
9 in that Respondent is impaired in her ability to practice medicine safely due to her diagnosis of  
10 Alcohol Use Disorder, Severe, in sustained remission

11 26. Complainant incorporates the facts set forth in Paragraphs 11 through 18 as though  
12 fully set out herein.

13 **PRAAYER**

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

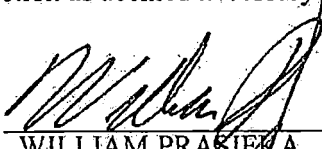
16 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 67175,  
17 issued to Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena;

18 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena's  
19 authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

20 3. Ordering Respondent Anjali Bhatt Saxena to pay the cost of the investigation and  
21 prosecution and, if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

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

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24 DATED: MAR 16 2022

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