

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

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

**Robert Paul Hansen, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 53037**

**Respondent.**

**Case No.: 800-2021-079204**

**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 October 14, 2022.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED: September 14, 2022.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



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**Laurie Rose Lubiano, J.D., Chair  
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9 **BEFORE THE**  
10 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

14 **ROBERT PAUL HANSEN, M.D.**  
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**Clovis, CA 92611**

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
17 **No. G 53037,**

18 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2021-079204

OAH No. 2022020267

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

22 **PARTIES**

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

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1           2.   Respondent Robert Paul Hansen, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding  
2 by attorney Jeffrey Hammerschmidt, whose address is 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 215, Fresno,  
3 California 93721.

4           3.   On or about July 16, 1984, the Board issued Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate  
5 No. G 53037 to Robert Paul Hansen, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician’s and Surgeon’s  
6 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation  
7 No. 800-2021-079204, and will expire on January 31, 2024, unless renewed.

8                                   **JURISDICTION**

9           4.   Accusation No. 800-2021-079204 was filed before the Board, and is currently  
10 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were  
11 properly served on Respondent on January 25, 2022. Respondent timely filed his Notice of  
12 Defense contesting the Accusation.

13          5.   A copy of Accusation No. 800-2021-079204 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated  
14 herein by reference.

15                                   **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

16          6.   Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
17 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2021-079204. Respondent has also carefully read,  
18 fully discussed with his counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and  
19 Disciplinary Order.

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

26          8.   Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
27 every right set forth above.

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1 CULPABILITY

2 9. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, complainant could  
3 establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation  
4 No. 800-2021-079204 and that he has thereby subjected his license to disciplinary action.

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

8 CONTINGENCY

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

19 12. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of  
20 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the  
21 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-079204 shall be  
22 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any  
23 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

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

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

4   **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

5           IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 53037 issued,  
6 to Respondent ROBERT PAUL HANSEN, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocations are  
7 stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and  
8 conditions:

9           1.        ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE. Respondent shall abstain completely from  
10 the use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

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

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

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

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

7           For purposes of this section, “supervisors” shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or  
8 Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff  
9 privileges.

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

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

26          Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service,  
27 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced,  
28 observed, biological fluid testing and meets all of the following standards:

- 1 (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry  
2 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United  
3 States Department of Transportation.
- 4 (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of  
5 Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.
- 6 (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published  
7 by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test  
8 administered.
- 9 (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.
- 10 (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health  
11 and Human Services.
- 12 (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day  
13 of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody  
14 procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally  
15 defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the  
16 specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day  
17 and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.
- 18 (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise  
19 necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.
- 20 (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens  
21 for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.
- 22 (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California.
- 23 (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line  
24 computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.
- 25 (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff  
26 access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a  
27 day.
- 28 (l) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have

1 knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret  
2 and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other  
3 information relevant to biomedical information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 After the issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive  
24 biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the  
25 specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating  
26 physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

27 For purposes of this condition, the terms "biological fluid testing" and "testing" mean the  
28 acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent's urine, blood, breath, or hair.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section

1 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take  
2 one or more of the following actions:

3 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;

4 (2) Order practice limitations;

5 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;

6 (4) Order increased documentation;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4           8.    INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby  
5 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, including, but not  
6 limited to, expert review, amended accusations, legal reviews, joint investigations, and subpoena  
7 enforcement, as applicable, in the amount of \$8,000.00 (eight thousand dollars). Costs shall be  
8 payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a  
9 violation of probation.

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

12           The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of the responsibility to  
13 repay investigation and enforcement costs, including expert review costs (if applicable).

14           9.    QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
15 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
16 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

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

19           10.   GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

20           Compliance with Probation Unit

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

22           Address Changes

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

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1           Place of Practice

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

5           License Renewal

6           Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
7 license.

8           Travel or Residence Outside California

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

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

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

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

1 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
2 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
3 period of non-practice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 15. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
28 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy

1 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
 2 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
 3 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
 4 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent  
 5 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
 6 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
 7 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
 8 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.


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

14 18. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply  
 15 for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health  
 16 care licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained  
 17 in Accusation No. 800-2021-079204 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by  
 18 Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or  
 19 restrict license.

20 ACCEPTANCE

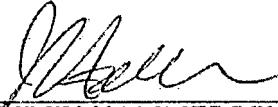
21 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
 22 discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my  
 23 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, and Physician's and Surgeon's License. I enter into this  
 24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

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 27 DATED: 6-28-22

  
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 ROBERT PAUL HANSEN, M.D.  
 Respondent

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

4 DATED: 6-28-22

  
JEFFREY HAMMERSCHMIDT  
Attorney for Respondent

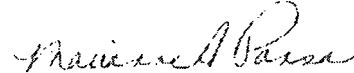
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7 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

10 DATED: June 29, 2022

11 Respectfully submitted,

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26 expire on January 31, 2022, unless renewed.

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1 JURISDICTION

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

5 4. Section 2227 of the Code states:

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical  
22 review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing  
23 education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the  
24 board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or  
25 privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by  
26 the board pursuant to Section 803.1.

27 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

28 5. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

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.

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6. Section 2236 of the Code states:

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

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(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.

7. Section 2239 of the Code states:

(a) The use ... of alcoholic beverages, 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 or more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.

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

**REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

(a) For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate or permit pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license, certificate or permit under the Medical Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license, certificate or permit to perform the functions authorized by the license, certificate or permit in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of the Medical Practice Act.

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1 COST RECOVERY

2 9. 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<sup>1</sup>, 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.

8 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9 10. On or about February 21, 2020, at approximately 1:50 p.m., a witness observed  
10 Respondent's vehicle (a 2014 Dodge Ram truck) driving very slowly and swerving all over the  
11 roadway using both lanes, nearly driving off the left and right sides of the roadway, in the vicinity  
12 of the intersection of Watts Valley Road and Maxon Road in Fresno County, California. At one  
13 point, Respondent was observed pulling into a turnout facing the wrong direction.

14 11. Soon thereafter, emergency personnel were dispatched to a traffic collision involving  
15 Respondent. Respondent's vehicle was found near a T-intersection, resting on a metal guardrail.  
16 The vehicle sustained moderate damage, including but not limited to, dents and scratches to the  
17 front bumper and a broken right tail light. Damage to the guardrail was also noted. A witness  
18 observed a significant amount of smoke caused by Respondent's spinning rear tires. The witness  
19 shut off Respondent's engine after realizing Respondent was unresponsive and passed out.

20 12. An officer of the California Highway Patrol (CHP-1) was dispatched and arrived at  
21 the scene at approximately 2:27 p.m. The officer observed Respondent being extricated from the  
22 driver's seat of his damaged vehicle by the emergency responders. Respondent was conscious  
23 but in a disoriented state. CHP-1 observed objective signs of alcohol intoxication, including the  
24 strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Respondent's breath and person, and that  
25 Respondent's eyes appeared red and watery.

26 13. Respondent was unable to provide a statement or perform any field sobriety tests.

27 <sup>1</sup> As of November 18, 2021, Section 125.3 of the Code has been amended to remove subsection (k), which  
28 precluded the Board from collecting costs. The Board may collect investigation, prosecution, and other costs incurred  
for a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee beginning January 1, 2022.



1 physician and surgeon. The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 10 through 19, above, and  
2 are incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth herein.

3 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Use of Alcohol in a Dangerous Manner)**

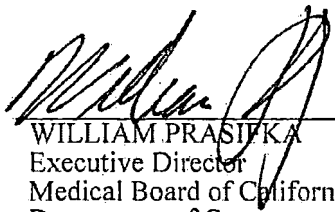
5 21. Respondent Robert Paul Hansen, M.D., is subject to disciplinary action under section  
6 2227, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (a), and section 2239 of the Code, in that  
7 Respondent used alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous to  
8 himself or to a person, or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability to practice  
9 medicine safely. The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 10 through 19, above, and are  
10 incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth herein.

11 **PRAYER**

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

- 14 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 53037,  
15 issued to Respondent, Robert Paul Hansen, M.D.;
- 16 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent, Robert Paul Hansen,  
17 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 18 3. Ordering Respondent, Robert Paul Hansen, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the  
19 investigation and enforcement of this case incurred on or after January 1, 2022, and if placed on  
20 probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and
- 21 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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23 DATED: JAN 25 2022

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