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

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: Sekhar Suryadevara Rao, M.D. Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 93250 Respondent.	Case No. 800-2019-062775

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED January 10, 2023.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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BEFORE THE
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: **SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D.** **9424 Bing Cherry Ln** **Austin, TX 78780-3446** **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 93250** Respondent.	Case No. 800-2019-062775 OAH No. 2020070188 **STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER**

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

PARTIES

1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael C. Brummel, Deputy Attorney General.

2. SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

3. On or about November 4, 2005, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 93250 to SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expired on February 28, 2021, and has not been renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-062775 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 26, 2022. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the First Amended Accusation. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-062775 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-062775. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

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

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-062775, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

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9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

RESERVATION

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

CONTINGENCY

12. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board "shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license."

13. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 93250 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

14. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands

and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

15. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review, discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or of any matter or matters related hereto.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

16. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

17. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

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18. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 93250, issued to Respondent SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-062775 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of $15,190.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation, No. 800-2019-062775 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 10/05/2022

SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D.
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: _____

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BONTA
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DATED: _____

SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D.
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: October 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 800-2019-062775

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In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: **Sekhar Suryadevara Rao, M.D.** **9424 Bing Cherry Ln.** **Austin, TX 78750** **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 93250,** Respondent.	Case No. 800-2019-062775 OAH No. 2020070188 **FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION**

PARTIES

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

2. On November 4, 2005, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 93250 to Sekhar Suryadevara Rao, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expired on February 28, 2021, and is SUSPENDED by virtue of an Order issued by the Board on April 24, 2020 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2310, subdivision (a).

[1] The original Accusation was filed by then-Interim Executive Director, Christine J. Lally.

JURISDICTION

3. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (Code) and/or other relevant statutory enactment:

A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring.

B. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.

C. Section 141 of the Code provides:

> "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.
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> "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country."

D. 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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> "(b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify the Medical Board of the pendency of an action against a licensee

charging a felony or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a licensee. The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and the facts alleged. The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in which the action is pending that the defendant is a licensee, and the clerk shall record prominently in the file that the defendant holds a license as a physician and surgeon.

"(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."

E. Section 1360 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations states:

"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."

COST RECOVERY

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

[2] As of November 18, 2021, Section 125.3 of the Code has been amended to remove subsection (k), which 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.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)

5. On October 25, 2019, the Texas Medical Board issued an Order of Temporary Suspension. Respondent's Texas medical license was suspended based on a September 25, 2019 Federal Court indictment alleging that Respondent participated in a scheme to file tens of millions of dollars in false claims and tests involving TRICARE, the health care program of the United States Department of Defense Military Health System. A copy of the Order of Temporary Suspension issued by the Texas Medical Board is attached as Exhibit A.

6. Respondent's conduct and the action of the Texas Medical Board as set forth in paragraph 5, above, constitute cause for discipline pursuant to sections 2305 and/or 141 of the Code.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to the Practice of Medicine)

7. On August 29, 2022, Respondent was found guilty of two counts in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 1347 and 2, health care fraud, by a jury in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Case No. 3:19-cr-00507-L. The redacted indictment alleges that, between approximately May 2014 and June 2016, Respondent and another person not a party to the instant matter submitted or caused to be submitted false and fraudulent claims to TRICARE, a health care benefit program as defined in 18 U.S.C. section 24(b), for tests that were, among other things, not legitimately prescribed, not needed, not used, and induced through the payment of kickbacks and bribes, which resulted in TRICARE being defrauded of payments for said health care services.

8. Each of Respondent's convictions of committing health care fraud, as set forth above, separately constitutes cause for discipline pursuant to section 2236 of the Code and Section 1360 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

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PRAYER

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

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 93250, issued to Sekhar Suryadevara Rao, M.D.;

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Sekhar Suryadevara Rao, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Sekhar Suryadevara Rao, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case since January 1, 2022, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and

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

DATED: SEP 26 2022

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

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Exhibit A

LICENSE NO. L-1714

IN THE MATTER OF	BEFORE THE
THE LICENSE OF	DISCIPLINARY PANEL OF THE
SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D.	TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
(WITHOUT NOTICE OF HEARING)

On October 25, 2019, at the direction and approval of Sheriff Zaafran, M.D., President of the Texas Medical Board (Board), three members of the Board were appointed to sit as a Disciplinary Panel in this matter, pursuant to §164.059(a) of the Medical Practice Act (the Act) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §187.56. Christopher M. Palazola represented Board Staff. Based on evidence submitted, the Board through this Panel makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Order of Temporary Suspension:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Texas Physician and holds Texas Medical License No. L-1714, issued by the Board on March 30, 2001, which was in full force and effect at all times material and relevant to this Application.

2. On or about September 25, 2019, Respondent was indicted in the United State District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Case No. 3:19-CR-507-L. The indictment alleges the following:

   a. Dr. Rao, a Texas licensed physician, practicing in Austin, Texas, "signed toxicology and DNA cancer screen test orders for ADAR Group for TRICARE beneficiaries he did not know or treat".
   b. TRICARE is a health care program of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) Military Health System. It provides coverage for DoD beneficiaries including "active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, retirees, their dependents and survivors".
   c. Respondent participated in a scheme to file tens of millions of dollars in false claims for tests and screens that were "not legitimately prescribed, not needed,

not used and induced through the payment of kickbacks and bribes".

d. Respondent was paid between $6000 and $8000 per month for ordering unnecessary toxicology and DNA Cancer screens for beneficiaries that were provided gift cards in exchange for urine and/or saliva samples. TRICARE was billed approximately $36 million dollars and paid around $4.8 million dollars for these unnecessary tests.

e. Respondent participated in a scheme that resulted in a nearly $5 million dollar loss to the health care program that serves our nation's military and their families.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board finds that Respondent's continued practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to the public welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Panel concludes the following:

1. Respondent's conduct, as described above, shows that Respondent's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare, as defined by Section 151.002(a)(2) of the Act. Continuing threat means "a real danger to the health of a physician's patients or to the public from acts or omissions of the physician caused through the physician's lack of competence, impaired status, or failure to care adequately for physician's patients."

2. Section 164.059 of the Act authorizes the temporary suspension or restriction of a person's medical license upon a determination by a Disciplinary Panel that the person would, by the person's continuation in practice, constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare.

3. 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, Chapter 187, sets forth the Board's Procedural Rules for all Board proceedings. 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, Chapter 187, Subchapter F sets forth the Board's Rules regarding temporary suspension proceedings.

4. Section 164.051(a)(1) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent's commission of an act prohibited under Section 164.052 of the Act.

5. Section 164.052(a)(5) of the Act authorized the Board to take disciplinary action

against Respondent based upon Respondent's unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, and further defined by Board Rules 190.8(2)(J), providing medically unnecessary services to a patient; and 190.8(2)(R), commission of the following violations of federal and state laws whether or not there is a complaint, indictment, or conviction: any felony, and any criminal violation of the Medical Practice Act or other statutes regulating or pertaining to the practice of medicine, to wit: 18 U.S.C. § 1349, 18 U.S.C. §1347.

6. Section 164.053(a)(1) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent for committing an act that violates any state or federal law if the act is connected with the physician's practice of medicine; specifically, 18 U.S.C. §1347.

7. Respondent's conduct, as described above, shows that Respondent's continued practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare, as defined by Section 151.002(a)(2) of the Act.

ORDER

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel ORDERS that:

1. Respondent's Texas medical license L-1714 is hereby temporarily suspended.

2. This Order of Temporary Suspension Without Notice of Hearing) is effective on the date rendered.

3. This Order shall remain in effect until it is superseded by an Order of the Board.

Signed and entered this 25TH day of October, 2019.

Chair
Disciplinary Panel
Texas Medical Board

PUBLIC VERIFICATION / PHYSICIAN PROFILE

PHYSICIAN

NAME: SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO MD **DATE:** 01/07/2020

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOX HAS BEEN VERIFIED
BY THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

[redacted]

License Number: L1714 Full Medical License
Issuance Date: 03/30/2001
Expiration Date of Physician's Registration Permit: 02/28/2020

Registration Status: SUSPENDED, ACTIVE
Disciplinary Status: SUSPENDED BY BOARD
Licensure Status: NONE

Registration Date: 10/25/2019
Disciplinary Date: 10/25/2019
Licensure Date: NONE

Medical School of Graduation:
At the time of licensure, TMB verified the physician's graduation from medical school as follows:
UNIV OF TEXAS MED SCHOOL AT SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO, TX

Medical School Graduation Year: 1998

TMB Filings, Actions and License Restrictions

The Texas Medical Board has the following board actions against this physician. (This may include any formal complaints filed by TMB, as well as petitions and/or responses related to licensure contested matters, at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.)

View the documents containing action taken by the Board against this individual.

View Board Actions Get Adobe Reader

Action Date: 10/25/2019
Description: ON OCTOBER 25, 2019, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL OF THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED, WITHOUT NOTICE, THE TEXAS MEDICAL LICENSE OF SEKHAR SURYADEVARA RAO, M.D., AFTER DETERMINING HIS CONTINUATION IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE POSES A CONTINUING THREAT TO PUBLIC WELFARE. THE SUSPENSION WAS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE BOARD PANEL FOUND THAT DR. RAO WAS INDICTED ON CHARGES OF HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HEALTH CARE FRAUD RELATED TO HIS ROLE IN ALLEGED REFERRALS OF TRICARE BENEFICIARIES FOR MEDICALLY UNNECESSARY "CANCER SCREENING" GENETIC TESTS AND TOXICOLOGY TESTS. A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION HEARING WITH NOTICE WILL BE HELD AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE WITH 10 DAYS' NOTICE TO DR. RAO, UNLESS THE HEARING IS SPECIFICALLY WAIVED BY DR. RAO. THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION REMAINS IN PLACE UNTIL THE BOARD TAKES FURTHER ACTION.

I, [illegible] certify that I am an official custodian of records for the Texas Medical Board and that this is a true and correct Copy of the original, as it appears on the file in this office.

Witness my official hand and seal of the BOARD.

This 7th Day of January, 20 20

Years of Active Practice in Texas:
The physician reports that, of the above years he/she has actively practiced in the State of Texas for 8 year(s).

Specialty Board Certification
The physician reports that he/she holds the following specialty certifications issued by a board that is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists:

NONE

Primary Specialty
The physician reports his/her primary practice is in the area of INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY.

Secondary Specialty
The physician reports his/her secondary practice is in the area of INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY.

Name, Location and Graduation Date of All Medical Schools Attended
Name: UNIV. OF TX. HEALTH SCI. CTR.
Location: SAN ANTONIO, TX
Graduation Date: 1998

Graduate Medical Education In The United States Or Canada
Program Name: ST. JOSEPH S HOSP - CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
Location: OMAHA, NE **Begin Date:** 07/1998
Type: INTERNSHIP **End Date:** 07/1999
Specialty: GENERAL SURGERY

Program Name: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - HARLEM HOSPITAL
Location: NEW YORK, NY **Begin Date:** 07/1999
Type: RESIDENCY **End Date:** 07/2000
Specialty: DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

Program Name: UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL CENTER
Location: WORCESTER, MA **Begin Date:** 07/2002
Type: FELLOWSHIP **End Date:** 07/2003
Specialty: INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

Program Name: UTHSC-SA
Location: SAN ANTONIO, TX **Begin Date:** 07/2004
Type: FELLOWSHIP **End Date:** 07/2004
Specialty: INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

Program Name: UNIV. OF MIAMI - JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPIT
Location: MIAMI, FL **Begin Date:** 07/2003
Type: FELLOWSHIP **End Date:** 07/2004

competent jurisdiction."

The physician has reported the following:

Description: NONE

Criminal history information is also obtained by TMB from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Resulting action, if any, will be reported under the TMB Action and Non-Disciplinary Restrictions section above.

Disciplinary Actions By Other State Medical Boards

The physician has reported the following:

Description: NONE

Physician Assistant Supervision

To obtain primary source verifications, click name

Description: NONE

Advanced Practice Nurse Delegation

To obtain primary source verifications, click name

APN Name: DAVIS, ROGER APN
APN License Number: AP121713
Delegation Location Type: Practice Site
Approve Date: 9/1/2019
Hours Supervised: 12
Dangerous Drugs: NO
Controlled Substances: YES

Summary of all License/Permit Types

Issue Date:	Type:
03/30/2001	LICENSED PHYSICIAN
03/08/2001	PHYSICIAN TEMPORARY LICENSE