

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Karim Adly Soliman, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. C 51512**

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2020-069741

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 October 19, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED October 12, 2023.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**Reji Varghese
Executive Director**

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12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

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13 **KARIM ADLY SOLIMAN, M.D.**
14 **1580 Avonrea Road**
San Marino, CA 91108-2309

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
16 **No. C 51512,**

17 Respondent.

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

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
23 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
24 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Peggie Bradford Tarwater,
25 Deputy Attorney General.

26 2. Respondent Karim Adly Soliman, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this
27 proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

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1 Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those
2 charges.

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

6 CONTINGENCY

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

16 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
17 copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures
18 thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

19 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
20 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

21 ORDER

22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 51512, issued
23 to Respondent Karim Adly Soliman, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

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

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

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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: Sept. 26, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
JUDITH T. ALVARADO
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2020-069741

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ACCUSATION

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
16 **No. C 51512,**

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18 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On or about February 27, 2004, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
23 Certificate Number C 51512 to Karim Adly Soliman, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and
24 Surgeon's Certificate expired on February 28, 2022, and is in retired status.

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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 2220 of the Code states:

6 Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all
7 persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this
8 article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold
9 certificates that do not permit them to practice medicine, such as, but not limited to,
10 retired, inactive, or disabled status certificate holders, and the board shall have all the
11 powers granted in this chapter for these purposes including, but not limited to:

12 (a) Investigating complaints from the public, from other licensees, from health
13 care facilities, or from the board that a physician and surgeon may be guilty of
14 unprofessional conduct. The board shall investigate the circumstances underlying a
15 report received pursuant to Section 805 or 805.01 within 30 days to determine if an
16 interim suspension order or temporary restraining order should be issued. The board
17 shall otherwise provide timely disposition of the reports received pursuant to Section
18 805 and Section 805.01.

19 (b) Investigating the circumstances of practice of any physician and surgeon
20 where there have been any judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards requiring the
21 physician and surgeon or his or her professional liability insurer to pay an amount in
22 damages in excess of a cumulative total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) with
23 respect to any claim that injury or damage was proximately caused by the physician's
24 and surgeon's error, negligence, or omission.

25 (c) Investigating the nature and causes of injuries from cases which shall be
26 reported of a high number of judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards against a
27 physician and surgeon.

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

6. Section 2228 of the Code states:

The authority of the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine to
discipline a licensee by placing him or her on probation includes, but is not limited to,
the following:

(a) Requiring the licensee to obtain additional professional training and to pass
an examination upon the completion of the training. The examination may be written
or oral, or both, and may be a practical or clinical examination, or both, at the option
of the board or the administrative law judge.

1 (b) Requiring the licensee to submit to a complete diagnostic examination by
2 one or more physicians and surgeons appointed by the board. If an examination is
3 ordered, the board shall receive and consider any other report of a complete
4 diagnostic examination given by one or more physicians and surgeons of the
5 licensee's choice.

6 (c) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the licensee,
7 including requiring notice to applicable patients that the licensee is unable to perform
8 the indicated treatment, where appropriate.

9 (d) Providing the option of alternative community service in cases other than
10 violations relating to quality of care.

11 7. Section 118 of the Code states:

12 (a) The withdrawal of an application for a license after it has been filed with a
13 board in the department shall not, unless the board has consented in writing to such
14 withdrawal, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a proceeding
15 against the applicant for the denial of the license upon any ground provided by law or
16 to enter an order denying the license upon any such ground.

17 (b) The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license
18 issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by
19 order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written
20 consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed,
21 restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or
22 continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by
23 law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking
24 disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

25 (c) As used in this section, "board" includes an individual who is authorized by
26 any provision of this code to issue, suspend, or revoke a license, and "license"
27 includes "certificate," "registration," and "permit."

28 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

8. Section 822 of the Code 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 section 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

1 public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be
2 safely reinstated.

3 **COST RECOVERY**

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

10 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

11 **(Illness Affecting Competency)**

12 10. Respondent Karim Adly Soliman, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section
13 822 of the Code in that his ability to practice medicine safely has been impaired due to illness.
14 The circumstances are as follows:

15 11. On or about May 12, 2021, Respondent suffered a stroke in the temporal lobe, which
16 caused impairment in his short term memory, the ability to learn new information, and
17 impairment in language and communications that have impaired his ability to practice medicine
18 safely.

19 12. Respondent has suffered ongoing physical ailments, including complications of
20 diabetes resulting in a foot amputation, which have impaired his ability to practice medicine
21 safely.

22 **PRAAYER**

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

25 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number C 51512,
26 issued to Respondent Karim Adly Soliman, M.D.;

27 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Karim Adly Soliman,
28 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

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