

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

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

**Colin B. Reed, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 74866**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 800-2023-100781**

**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 September 5, 2024.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED August 29, 2024.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



**Reji Varghese  
Executive Director**

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15 **SAN FRANCISCO CA 94117-3744**

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
17 **No. G 74866**

Respondent.

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

20 **PARTIES**

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

25 2. COLIN B. REED, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and  
26 has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.  
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1 Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this  
2 Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it  
3 shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied  
4 upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees  
5 that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason  
6 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the  
7 Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review,  
8 discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or  
9 of any matter or matters related hereto.

10 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

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

20 **ORDER**

21 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 74866, issued  
22 to Respondent COLIN B. REED, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

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

27 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Physician and Surgeon in  
28 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.



**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: August 23, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2023-100781**



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

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
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18 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On or about August 4, 1992, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
23 Certificate Number G 74866 to Colin B. Reed, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's  
24 Certificate expired on February 29, 2024, and has not been renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following  
27 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise  
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4. Section 2227 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

6. Unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 2234 is conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming of a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine. (*Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners* (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.)

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7. 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. 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.

8. Section 2239 of the Code states:

(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or 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.

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, 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.

1 COST RECOVERY

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.

8 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

9 (Conviction of an Offense Substantially Related to the Qualifications, Functions or Duties of  
10 a Physician and Surgeon)

11 11. Respondent Colin B. Reed, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2227  
12 and 2234, as defined by section 2236 of the Code, and California Code of Regulations, title 16,  
13 section 1360, in that Respondent was convicted of an offense substantially related to the  
14 qualifications, functions or duties of a physician and surgeon. The circumstances are as follows:

15 12. On or about August 11, 2023, a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer<sup>1</sup> responded  
16 to a report of a vehicle knocking down multiple construction cones and almost causing multiple  
17 traffic collisions. The officer initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle and identified Respondent as  
18 the driver. The officer smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle, and  
19 observed Respondent to have slow, slurred speech and red, watery eyes. Another officer  
20 responded to the scene and conducted a field sobriety test. The officer approached Respondent's  
21 vehicle and noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. When  
22 Respondent exited the vehicle, the officer noticed he had red and watery eyes, he was stumbling  
23 off balance and his speech was slurred. Respondent was unable to perform a series of field  
24 sobriety tests. Respondent refused to submit to the preliminary alcohol-screening test. Respondent  
25 was transported to county jail where a blood test resulted in a .20% blood-alcohol concentration.

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28 <sup>1</sup> Identity of officer is withheld at this time for privacy concerns. The name(s) will be  
provided to Respondent upon written request for discovery.



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3. Ordering Respondent Colin B. Reed, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and

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

DATED: JUN 21 2024



REJI VARGHESE  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*