

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

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

**Jerrold Polterock, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 16347**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 800-2022-087919**

**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Surrender of License 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 September 4, 2025. IT IS SO ORDERED August 28, 2025.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



**Reji Varghese  
Executive Director**

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13 **JERROLD POLTEROCK, M.D.**

14 **2625 Kersten Ct.**  
15 **Oakdale, CA 95361-9297**

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
17 **No. G 16347**

18 Respondent.

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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF**  
**LICENSE AND ORDER**

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

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. Reji Varghese (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 Jade Wolansky, Deputy  
26 Attorney General.

27 2. JERROLD POLTEROCK, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by  
28 attorney Matthew Hawkins, whose address is: 1125 I Street, Suite 1, Modesto, California, 95354.

3. On or about April 28, 1969, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 16347 to Respondent. That license expired on January 31, 2024, and has not been renewed.

## JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2022-087919 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 17, 2025. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2022-087919 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-087919. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, 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 Accusation; 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 admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 800-2022-087919, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 16347 for the Board's formal acceptance.**

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9. 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.

## CONTINGENCY

10. 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.”

11. 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. G 16347 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

12. 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.

13. 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

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 16347, issued  
22 to Respondent JERROLD POLTEROCK, 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 in California as of the  
28 effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

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

3        4.     If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in  
4 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must  
5 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or  
6 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations  
7 contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-087919 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted  
8 by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

9        5.     Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the  
10 amount of \$39,161.50 (thirty-nine thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars and fifty cents) prior to  
11 the issuance of a new or reinstated license.

12       6.     If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or  
13 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of  
14 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-087919 shall  
15 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of  
16 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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**ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney. 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: July 30, 2025 Jerrold Polterock, M.D.  
JERROLD POLTEROCK, M.D.  
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent JERROLD POLTEROCK, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 8/5/25 Matthew K Hawkins  
Matthew Hawkins  
Attorney for 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: August 7, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2022-087919**



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18 **Respondent.**

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20 **PARTIES**

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

24 2. On or about April 28, 1969, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
25 Certificate Number G 16347 to Jerrold Polterock, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
26 Surgeon's Certificate expired on January 31, 2024, and has not been renewed.

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**JURISDICTION**

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

4. Section 2227 of the Code states:

(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.

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

5. Section 2234 of the Code states in pertinent part:

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:

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(b) Gross negligence.

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1 (d) Incompetence.

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3 (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and  
4 participate in an interview by the board no later than 30 calendar days after being notified  
5 by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of  
6 an investigation by the board.

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### 8 COST RECOVERY

9 6. Section 125.3 of the Code states:

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a  
11 disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic  
12 Medical Board, upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the administrative law  
13 judge may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the  
14 licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
15 enforcement of the case.

16 (b) In the case of a disciplined licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the order  
17 may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.

18 (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where actual  
19 costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its designated  
20 representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and  
21 prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and  
22 enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges  
23 imposed by the Attorney General.

24 (d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of  
25 reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to  
26 subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be  
27 reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board may reduce or eliminate the  
28 cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the proposed decision fails to make  
a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a).

(e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any  
appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the  
board may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

(f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be  
conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

1 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the  
license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.

2 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally  
3 renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who demonstrates  
4 financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the board to reimburse the  
board within that one-year period for the unpaid costs.

5 (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for  
6 costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs to be  
available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

7 (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of the  
8 costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

9 (j) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in that  
10 board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative disciplinary  
proceeding.

#### 11 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

##### 12 (Gross Negligence)

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14 7. Respondent Jerrold Polterock, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under sections  
15 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code, in that Respondent was  
16 grossly negligent in his care and treatment of Patient A by failing to search for Patient A's  
17 pathology report during multiple patient follow-up visits, as more particularly alleged hereafter:

18 8. At all times relevant to the charges brought herein, Respondent worked as a surgeon  
19 at a hospital in Oakdale, California.

20 9. On or about August 6, 2019, Respondent performed a biopsy surgery on Patient A,<sup>1</sup> a  
21 then 59-year-old patient with a history of smoking. Respondent performed the biopsy to remove  
22 Patient A's persistent tongue ulcer and leukoplakia<sup>2</sup> on the left side of her tongue. Patient A's  
23 sample was sent for a pathology analysis.

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27 <sup>1</sup> Patient A is being used in place of the patient's name or initials to maintain patient  
confidentiality. Respondent is aware of the identity of the patient referred to herein.

28 <sup>2</sup> Lesions in the mouth that present as thickened white patches that cannot be rubbed off.

1           10. On or about August 7, 2019, Respondent saw Patient A for a post-operation visit.

2           11. On or about August 9, 2019, Patient A's pathology report diagnosed Patient A with  
3           invasive, well differentiated squamous cell carcinoma with keratinization.<sup>3</sup> In Patient A's  
4           pathology report, the comment section states that a recorded message was left with Respondent's  
5           office regarding the malignant diagnosis.<sup>4</sup> That same day, an employee at Respondent's hospital  
6           scanned the pathology report into Patient A's electronic medical records. During the Board  
7           investigation, the Patient Safety Manager at Respondent's hospital stated that Patient A's  
8           pathology report was also faxed to Respondent's private office, which may have been in the  
9           process of closing.

10           12. On or about August 14, 2019, another employee at Respondent's hospital scanned  
11           Patient A's pathology report into Patient A's electronic medical records.

12           13. On or about October 7, 2019; October 28, 2019; November 20, 2019; February 19,  
13           2020; and September 29, 2021, Patient A had follow-up visits with Respondent. During her  
14           patient visits, Patient A stated that her ulceration was not healing properly and appeared to return  
15           on her tongue. However, Respondent did not inform Patient A about her pathology report during  
16           her follow-up patient visits.

17           14. Patient A states that when she asked about the pathology report at a follow-up patient  
18           visit, Respondent informed her that "no news is good news."

19           15. On or about January 17, 2022, after Patient A complained again of tongue pain,  
20           Respondent finally discovered Patient A's pathology report and informed Patient A about the  
21           malignant diagnosis. Patient A states that on that day, Respondent said he did not sign off on the  
22           pathology report and he did not receive a phone message regarding the pathology report. During  
23           the Board investigation, Respondent stated that he assumed Patient A's report had benign results  
24           because the pathologist did not call him. He also stated that the pathologist sent Patient A's

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27           <sup>3</sup> Invasive squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) is a type of skin cancer. Well differentiated  
28           SCC has tumor cells that appear similar to normal squamous skin cells.

<sup>4</sup> The comment in Patient A's report states: "A recorded message is left with Dr.  
Polterock's office on 8/9/19 regarding the malignant diagnosis."

1 pathology report to an unused email and did not present Patient A's pathology report to  
2 Respondent for Respondent to sign.

3 16. On or about March 21, 2022, Patient A had another biopsy with a different physician.  
4 The pathology report stated Patient A had squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue.

5 17. As a result, on or about May 3, 2022, Patient A underwent surgery. Patient A had a  
6 left partial glossectomy,<sup>5</sup> left selective neck dissection,<sup>6</sup> and a left tongue acellular dermal matrix  
7 allograft placement.<sup>7</sup>

8 18. Respondent's failure to search for Patient A's pathology report during multiple  
9 patient follow-up visits constitutes an extreme departure from the standard of care.

## 10 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

### 11 **(Incompetence)**

12 19. Respondent Jerrold Polterock, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under sections  
13 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (d), of the Code, in that Respondent was  
14 incompetent in his care and treatment of Patient A by failing to search for Patient A's pathology  
15 report during multiple patient follow-up visits, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 8 to 18  
16 above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

## 17 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

### 18 **(Failure to Participate in an Interview)**

19 20. Respondent Jerrold Polterock, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under section  
20 2234, subdivision (g), of the Code, in that Respondent failed to participate in an investigative  
21 interview. The circumstances are as follows:

22 21. On or about June 19, 2023, Respondent agreed to participate in an interview  
23 scheduled on or about July 7, 2023. On or about July 6, 2023, Respondent cancelled his  
24 investigative interview.

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26 <sup>5</sup> A partial glossectomy is the surgical removal of a portion of the tongue.

27 <sup>6</sup> A selective neck dissection is the removal of lymph nodes where tumors are more likely  
to spread.

28 <sup>7</sup> An acellular dermal matrix allograft is grafted human tissue that is used in medical  
procedures to support tissue regeneration and repair.

22. On or about December 27, 2023, Respondent agreed to participate in an interview scheduled on or about January 12, 2024. On or about January 4, 2024, Respondent cancelled his investigative interview.

## PRAAYER

**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 G 16347, issued to Respondent Jerrold Polterock, M.D.;**

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Jerrold Polterock, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Respondent Jerrold Polterock, 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: APR 17 2025

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

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