

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

In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:

Ashok Panigrahy, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 72055

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2024-113245

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 5, 2025. IT IS SO ORDERED August 29, 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Reji Varghese
Executive Director

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

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12 **ASHOK PANIGRAHY, M.D.**
13 **111 East Chestnut #34C**
Chicago, Illinois 60611

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
15 **No. A 72055,**

16 Respondent.

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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 Latrice R. Hemphill, Deputy
24 Attorney General.

25 2. Ashok Panigrahy, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney
26 Michael Engle, whose address is: 2005 Market Street, Suite 2600, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

27 3. On or about June 12, 2000, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
28 No. A 72055 to Respondent. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the

charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2024-113245 and will expire on September 30, 2025, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2024-113245 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 July 25, 2025. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2024-113245 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. 800-2024-113245. 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 understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2024-113245, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

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.

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 RESERVATION

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

11 CONTINGENCY

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

15 13. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive
16 Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his
17 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 72055 without further notice to, or opportunity to be
18 heard by, Respondent.

19 14. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the
20 approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated
21 Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his
22 consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a
23 reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and
24 Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands
25 and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the
26 time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

27 15. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order
28 shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the

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

17 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

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

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 72055, issued to Respondent ASHOK PANIGRAHY, 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 Accusation No. 800-2024-113245 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 \$16,930.50 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 Accusation No. 800-2024-113245 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.

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1 ACCEPTANCE

2 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully
3 discussed it with my attorney Michael Engle. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will
4 have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of
5 License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
6 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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8 DATED: 8/18/2025

Ashok Panigrahy
9 ASHOK PANIGRAHY, M.D.
Respondent

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

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14 DATED: 8/18/2025

Michael Engle
15 MICHAEL ENGLE
Attorney for Respondent

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17 ENDORSEMENT

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

20 DATED: _____

Respectfully submitted,

21 ROB BONTA
22 Attorney General of California
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2024-113245

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A C C U S A T I O N

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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 June 12, 2000, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
23 Certificate Number A 72055 to Ashok Panigrahy, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and
24 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25 herein and will expire on September 30, 2025, unless 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 2004 of the Code states:

The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

(a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

(b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

(c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.

(d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.

(e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

(f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.

(g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the programs in subdivision (f).

(h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.

(i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.

5. 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.

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

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

9 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

10 6. Section 490 of the Code states:

11 (a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a
12 licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has
13 been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications,
14 functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any
16 authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the
17 authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the
18 qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the
19 licensee's license was issued.

20 (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of
21 guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is
22 permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the
23 time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on
24 appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of
25 sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of
26 the Penal Code.

27 (d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section
28 has been made unclear by the holding in *Petropoulos v. Department of Real Estate*
(2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant
number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the
consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes.
Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an
independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the
amendments to this section made by Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2008 do not
constitute a change to, but rather are declaratory of, existing law.

7. Section 2232 of the Code states:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c), the board shall automatically
revoke a license under either of the following circumstances:

(A) The licensee, at any time after January 1, 1947, has been convicted in any
court in or outside of this state of any offense that, if committed or attempted in this
state, based on the elements of the convicted offense, would have been punishable as
one or more of the offenses described in subdivision (c) of Section 290 of the Penal
Code.

1 (B) The licensee, at any time after January 1, 1947, has been required to register
2 as a sex offender pursuant to the provisions of Section 290 of the Penal Code,
3 regardless of whether the related conviction has been appealed.

4 (2) The board shall notify the licensee of the license revocation and of their
5 right to elect to have a hearing as provided in subdivision (b).

6 (b) Upon revocation of the physician's and surgeon's certificate, the holder of
7 the certificate may request a hearing within 30 days of the revocation. The
8 proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
9 (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
10 Government Code).

11 (c) This section shall not apply to a person who is required to register as a sex
12 offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code solely because of a misdemeanor
13 conviction under Section 314 of the Penal Code.

14 (d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is
15 deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The record of
16 conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.

17 (e) If the related conviction of the certificate holder is overturned on appeal, the
18 revocation ordered pursuant to this section shall automatically cease. Nothing in this
19 subdivision shall prohibit the board from pursuing disciplinary action based on any
20 cause other than the overturned conviction.

21 (f) The other provisions of this article setting forth a procedure for the
22 revocation of a physician's and surgeon's certificate shall not apply to proceedings
23 conducted pursuant to this section.

24 8. Section 2236 of the Code states:

25 (a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications,
26 functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct
27 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.

(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.

1 The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction
2 occurred.

3 9. Section 2523 of the Code states:

4 (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), the board shall revoke the
5 license of any person who has been required to register as a sex offender pursuant to
6 Section 290 of the Penal Code for conduct that occurred on or after January 1, 2017.

7 (b) This section shall not apply to a person who is required to register as a sex
8 offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code solely because of a misdemeanor
9 conviction under Section 314 of the Penal Code.

10 (c) This section shall not apply to a person who has been relieved under Section
11 290.5 of the Penal Code of his or her duty to register as a sex offender, or whose duty
12 to register has otherwise been formally terminated under California law.

13 (d) A proceeding to revoke a license pursuant to this section shall be conducted
14 in accordance with chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division
15 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

16 10. Section 2529.6 of the Code states:

17 (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), the board shall revoke the
18 registration of any person who has been required to register as a sex offender pursuant
19 to Section 290 of the Penal Code for conduct that occurred on or after January 1,
20 2017.

21 (b) This section shall not apply to a person who is required to register as a sex
22 offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code solely because of a misdemeanor
23 conviction under Section 314 of the Penal Code.

24 (c) This section shall not apply to a person who has been relieved under Section
25 290.5 of the Penal Code of his or her duty to register as a sex offender, or whose duty
26 to register has otherwise been formally terminated under California law.

27 (d) A proceeding to revoke a registration pursuant to this section shall be
28 conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1
of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(e) This section shall remain in effect until January 1, 2025, and as of that date
is repealed.

22 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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

24 (a) For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to
25 Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime,
26 professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the
27 qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license if to a substantial
28 degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license to
perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public
health, safety or welfare. Such crimes, professional misconduct, 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 state or federal law governing the applicant's or licensee's professional practice.

(b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subdivision (a) for a crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:

- (1) The nature and gravity of the crime;
- (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the crime; and
- (3) The nature and duties of the profession.

COST RECOVERY

12. Section 125.3 of the Code states:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic Medical Board, upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the administrative law judge may 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.

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

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

(d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board may reduce or eliminate the 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.

(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) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any

licensee who demonstrates 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.

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

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

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

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. Respondent is a board-certified radiologist who is licensed in Pennsylvania and California.

14. On or about April 15, 2024, Respondent was reappointed to the affiliate staff at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA). Respondent's term was to begin on May 1, 2024, and expire on April 30, 2026.

15. On or about August 29, 2024, in the case of *United States of America v. Ashok Panigrahy*, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, case number 2:24-cr-193, Respondent was charged with knowingly transporting and attempting to transport material depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor, in violation of Title 18, United States Code (18 U.S.C.) section 2252, subdivisions (a)(1) and (b)(1), a felony. Respondent was also charged with knowingly possessing material depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 2252, subdivisions (a)(4)(B) and (b)(2), a felony.

16. On or about September 6, 2024, CHLA notified Respondent that his medical staff membership and privileges at CHLA were summarily suspended, based on his failure to notify the medical staff of the investigation, arrest, and subsequent federal indictment, as detailed above.

17. On or about September 13, 2024, Respondent submitted a letter of resignation to CHLA, effective immediately.

18. On or about September 19, 2024, CHLA notified Respondent that his summary suspension would be continued, and a recommendation was made to terminate his clinical privileges and membership.

1 19. On or about November 19, 2024, the Board was notified by CHLA, pursuant to
2 Business and Professions Code section 805, that Respondent resigned his staff privileges,
3 membership, and employment.

4 20. On or about March 24, 2025, Respondent pled guilty to knowingly possessing
5 material depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 2252,
6 subdivisions (a)(4)(B) and (b)(2). The remaining count of the indictment was dismissed pursuant
7 to the plea agreement.

8 21. Pursuant to his plea agreement, Respondent agreed to pay restitution and register as a
9 convicted sex offender under the law of any state in which Respondent resides, is employed,
10 carries on a vocation, or is a student.

11 22. Respondent will be formally sentenced on or about September 30, 2025.

12 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

13 **(Conviction of a Crime)**

14 23. Respondent Ashok Panigrahy, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under Code
15 sections 2232, 2236 and 490, and the California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360 in that
16 Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or
17 duties of a physician and surgeon, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 13 through 22,
18 above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

19 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20 **(Registration as a Sex Offender)**

21 24. Respondent Ashok Panigrahy, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under Code
22 sections 2232, 2523, and 2529.6 in that, pursuant to his conviction and plea agreement,
23 Respondent must register as a sex offender, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs in 13
24 through 22, above.

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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 72055, issued to Respondent Ashok Panigrahy, M.D.;

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

3. Ordering Respondent Ashok Panigrahy, 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: JUL 25 2025


REJI VARGHESE
Executive Director
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